



**DATE:** March 2, 2023  
**TIME:** 11:36 – 11:53 pm  
**LOCATION:** 100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032

## MD FIRST System Users Committee

### Quarterly Public Meeting

#### ▪ Members in Attendance

- Andrew Cummins, Officer, MNRP
- Bobby Ritchie, Chief, Lonaconing Fire Department Allegany County
- Christopher Parker, Officer, MNRP
- Curtis O’Neil, Lt. (Garrett County Emergency Services)
- Dan Dougan, Lt. (Garrett County Sheriff)
- David Larsen, MDOT
- Harold Taylor (Howard County)
- John Butts, Officer, MNRP
- Joshua Bosley, EMS Captain, Cresaptown Fire Department, Allegany County
- Korey Rounds, Lt., Cumberland City PD
- Nathan Durman DNR/MNRP /Vice Chair, System Managers’ Committee
- Phillip Via, Radio System Manager, Allegany County
- Seth Rhoades (Harford County EOC)
- Shannon Cotton, Sergeant, Towson University PD
- Steve Smith, Chief (Grantsville Fire, Garrett County)
- Major Donnae Reedy, MDTA

#### ▪ Board Support Staff in Attendance

- Brandon Renehan
- Cindy Cole
- Justin Ellingwood
- Pat King
- Jennifer Zambito
- Curt Andrich

### Call to Order – 11:36 am

#### Review Minutes from 12/1/2022– Pat King

**Proposed Motion:** The System Managers Committee approves the minutes from the December 1, 2022, meeting.

Moved – Andrew Cummings, Officer MNRP

Second – John Butts, Officer MNRP

The vote was taken, and the minutes were approved.

Yea – Consensus

Nay – 0

Abstain - 0

### Questions/Discussion MD FIRST Project Status Update – Patrick King

No discussion

## Questions/Discussion MD FiRST Project/Program Coverage Improvement – Patrick King

No discussion

## Questions/Discussion MD FiRST Operations Status Update – Patrick King

No discussion

## Open Discussion/Good of the Order

Under Old Business, during the last meeting there was discussion regarding the standardization of Interop zone usage across disciplines – one concern is that not all users have all of the Law, and/or Event zones and the zones 1-15 programmed into their radios. Radios should be checked during PM (Preventative Maintenance) for the Region Interoperability Template 20. Users could be called in for help/back-up and their radios are not as equipped as they could be. Please contact the following for assistance in getting the user radios updated correctly, Mike Baltrotsky/Montgomery County, [Michael.Baltrotsky@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Michael.Baltrotsky@montgomerycountymd.gov), Pat King [wpatrick.king@maryland.gov](mailto:wpatrick.king@maryland.gov)

During the last meeting there was discussion regarding a recommendation/position paper for more effective interoperability for users to be presented to the MD SWIC – Harold Taylor (Howard County) reported that work has started on a MD FiRST position paper.

## Closing/Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was considered to adjourn the meeting.

## Proposed Motion - I move that we adjourn and reconvene prior to the next RCB meeting on June 15, 2023.

Moved – Andrew Cummings, Officer MNRP

Second – Major Donnae Reedy, MDTA

The vote was taken, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 pm.

**Director of Board APPROVAL:**

(Signature & Date)

*Norman Farley*

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**Chairman of Board APPROVAL:**

(Signature & Date)

*William Patrick King*

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