BRICS RADIO REPROGRAMMING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RADIO USERS:

Fire and EMS Radio Users

UPGRADE TO RADIO SYSTEM

In early September, the BRICS 800MHz radio system will be upgraded and interconnected with the statewide MARCS-*IP* radio system. A July 16th letter to users explained this in further detail. If you haven't read it, visit:

http://brics.butlersheriff.org/2014/07/16/letter-to-brics-radio-users/

Your radios are being reprogrammed to prepare for this change. As far as your radio is concerned, on a September date (to be announced), the current radio system will turn off and a new system will be turned on. At that point, you'll be directed to switch to a different channel/talkgroup in your radio that will be the new place to communicate on the upgraded system.

TEMPORARY TALKGROUPS UNTIL THE SWITCH

Beginning with your radio reprogramming, the talkgroups on the current system are located in the "back" of your radio (e.g. to the left of Zone A, using the ZONE button and the left arrow to get there). The temporary zones are numbered instead of lettered (Zones 1 through 4).

The "Current" / "Old" System TEMPORARY				The "New" System Beginning in September						
4	3	2	1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
FC FD MAIN	BC CALLING	BC MA 1	Your MAIN	Your New Main	09 EVNT 01	09 CALL	09 EVNT 01	09 ER TALK	09-1F MAIN	09-1L MAIN
MD FD MAIN	BC TALK2	BC MA 2	Your OPS 2	Your New 2	09 EVNT 02	09 TALK	09 EVNT 02	09 ATRIUM	09-3F MAIN	09-3L MAIN
MN FD MAIN		BC MA 3	Your OPS 3	Your New 3	09 EVNT 03	09-# TRVL	09 EVNT 03	09 BETH BC	09-5F MAIN	09-4L MAIN
OX FD MAIN		BC MA 4		Your New 4	09 EVNT 04	09-# WIDE	09 EVNT 04	09 FRT HAM	09-6F MAIN	09-5L MAIN
SO FD WEST	ER ATRIUM	BC MA 5	BC FG 5	09 FIRE 05	09 TAC 05		09 MA 05	09 LIB CHL	09-7F MAIN	09-6L MAIN
SO FD CENT	ER BETH BC	BC MA 6	BC FG 6	09 FIRE 06	09 TAC 06		09 MA 06	09 MCHYDE	09-8F MAIN	09-7L MAIN
SO FD EAST	ER FRT HAM	BC MA 7	BC FG 7	09 FIRE 07	09 TAC 07		09 MA 07	09 MERCYFF	09-9 ALPHA	09-8L MAIN
TR FD MAIN	ER LIB CHL	BC MA 8	BC FG 8	09 FIRE 08	09 TAC 08		09 MA 08	09 WCHOSP	09-9 BRAVO	09-9 ECHO
WC FD MAIN	ER MCHYDE	BC MA 9	BC FG 9	09 FIRE 09	09 TAC 09					ANGO
BC FD INFO	ER MERCYFF	BC MA 10	BC FG 10	09 FIRE 10	09 TAC 10					ZULU
	ER WCHOSP	BC MA 11	BC FG 11	09 FIRE 11	09 TAC 11	0				INFO
	8 TAC 94D	BC MA 12	BC FG 12	09 FIRE 12	09 TAC 12	8				C 94
	8 TAC 93D	BC MA 13	BC FG 13	09 FIRE 13	09 TAC 13	8				C 93
	8 TAC 92D	BC MA 14	BC FG 14	09 FIRE 14	09 TAC 14	8				C 92
	8 TAC 91D	BC MA 15	BC FG 15	09 FIRE 15	09 TAC 15	8				C 91
	8 CALL 90	BC MA 16	BC FG 16	09 FIRE 16	09 TAC 16	8 CALL 90	09 MA 16	09 HELP	8 CALL 90	8 CALL 90

This is a generic example and not an exact representation of your template. Your full template is being provided separately.

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IMPORTANT TO NOTE DURING THIS TEMPORARY PERIOD:

- To **navigate to/from zones 1 – 4**, press the ZONE soft key and then use the left or right arrows (left, if you are coming from Zone A). Press the home button to lock in your zone selection.
- Your **A-B-C switch** navigates between zones A through C on the **new** system. Avoid manipulating this switch. If you are on Zone 1 and move your A-B-C switch, it will change you to the selection. You will need to use the ZONE soft key and arrows to get back to Zone 1.
- All **emergency alarms** for all public safety radios in the county will revert to BC CALLING during this temporary period due to limitations and outages of the dispatch consoles. Dispatchers will be responsible for identifying whether the user with the emergency belongs to them, and responding appropriately.
- Zones 1 through 4 aren't an exact mirror of your old Zones A through D. Take note of the changes.
- Disruptions to dispatch centers during this period may mean that the dispatchers are without access to as many channels as they normally have. In a situation where they may have normally provided you with an alternate talkgroup, they may be unable. Follow their instructions, and understand that it may not be business as usual.

THE SWITCH IN SEPTEMBER 2014

Future updates from us will communicate the details of our September transition to the upgraded radio system. If the appropriate person in your organization didn't receive our July 16th letter by email, let us know so they can be added to our distribution list.

At the designated time in September, all radio users will begin using the new system in the normal 'lettered' zones.

The new template is a bit different from the old – some things are in different places, and talkgroup names have changed to fit the format required to work on a statewide system. We'll send out on explanation of these changes before the switch.

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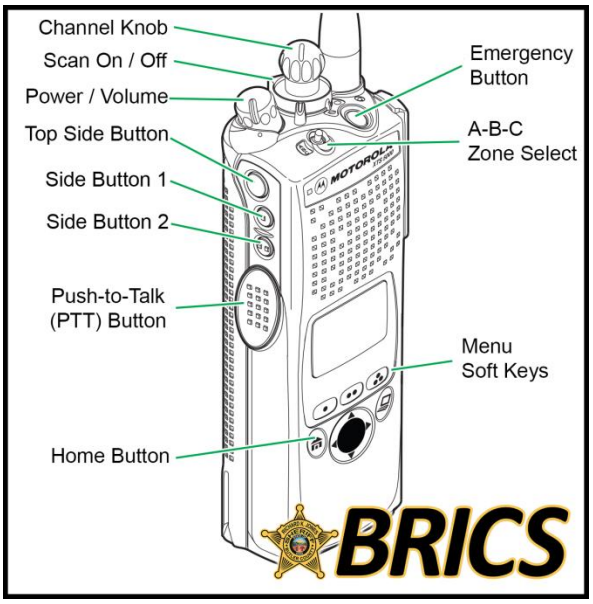
You can follow BRICS on **Facebook** (facebook.com/BRICShelp) and **Twitter** (twitter.com/BRICSalerts) for more updates or visit **our website** (brics.butlersheriff.org). Use the information below to contact us if you have any questions.

KNOBS AND BUTTONS ON THE XTS-5000

Changing zones during this temporary period will require use of the menu soft key under where the screen says "ZONE", and then the use of the left or right arrows. When you find the zone you're looking for, press the home button. Avoid use of the A-B-C switch.

The **emergency button** takes you to BC CALLING to sound the alarm during this temporary programming period. Once we switch to the new system and you're operating out of the lettered zones, the emergency button will work like you're used to.

Your **scan list** is reset to defaults when your radio is reprogrammed. If you had customized your list, you will need to add the talkgroups.