

# BUTLER REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

## ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 01/24/2013

**Location:** Butler County EOC, 1810 Princeton Rd.

**Board Members Present:**                      **Absent:**

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Chief T. Goller

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 27, 2012:  
1<sup>st</sup>: Chief St.John 2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Dick. **PASSED**

### **BRICS System Updates:**

- Law Enforcement
  - BCSO is still downsizing jail operations
  - Looking at moving the GSC talk group to the "A" bank of all law enforcement radios.
- Fire
  - Changing emergency button and mayday operations
  - Panic Buttons will stay on the selected talk group
- Enable Zone "E" on Law Enforcement radios
  - Trenton, Middletown and Monroe submitted a request for this.
  - Chief Dickey asked what the consensus of the Chiefs were. Capt. Franke said there was not a consensus.
  - There is a talk group available in Zone "A5" for this purpose.
  - Fire Operations voted to allow talk on the "E" bank. This is how they operate.
  - Capt. Franke will report back to the board with possible solutions.
  - Fire will continue to work through changing theirs
- BRICS Staff updates
  - Dave Waddell has announced his retirement for April
  - Technician Charlie Young; will be handling 9-1-1 primarily
  - Lt. Carrie Schultheiss; Division Commander

### **Committee Updates:**

- PSAP; Dennis Dick advises the committee is continuing to meet monthly
  - Discussion on the restructuring of each county only having 3 PSAP's.
- LE; Chief Dickey advises no issues
- Fire; Chief Goller advises discussion on the "E" Bank and emergency button changes. Fire is testing the Emergency Button change.
- Plain Language; Need to form the committee. BRICS will get the information out.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Capt. Franke advises EMA received a grant for ICS training. The grant also covers OT to back fill shifts during the training. Information has been sent to all agencies/

**Good of the Order:** None

Next meeting: 3/28/2013 1:30PM Ag Building

Meeting adjourned at:           PM

Respectfully,

*Richard A. Miller*

Secretary

# BUTLER COUNTY 800 MHZ RADIO ADVISORY BOARD

Date: 01/24/2013

Location: Ag Building

NAME	REPRESENTING
TEEN SPILMAN	MIAMI UNIV. POLICE
Bonnie Short	BCSO Dispatch
Dennis Dick	West Chester Comm
Richard St John	Fairfield Twp. P.D.
CAROL L. SCHULTZEISS	BCSO
Charles Young	BCSO
TOMY GOLLO	WCAJ
John Jones	OXFORD PD
DON BENNETT	FAIRFIELD F.D.
MIKE DICKER	FAIRFIELD P.D.
Brian Curtis	Monroe Police
MATI FRANICE	BCSO
Dave Waddell	BCSO
John Dethenage	Oxford Fire
RICK MILLER	HAMILTON
Marc McManus	Hamilton Police
TERRY KLINZING	HAMILTON FIRE
JOSEPH WALDMANN	City of Fairfield
Bill Vedra	BCSO

Butler County Sheriff's Office  
Communications Division



# BRICS

Butler Regional Interoperable  
Communications System

800MHz Advisory Board  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013



# Update Agenda Items

- **Statistics**
- 7.11 Update
- Narrowbanding and Conventional Improvement Project
- SOSINK Microwave Project
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# Statistics

## ■ Last 12 Months\*\*

*Jan 1 2012 – Dec 31 2012*

- 4.442 million PTTs
- 11,282 hours of voice
- 11 busy PTTs (14 seconds)

## ■ Previous Period

*Jan 1 2011 – Dec 31 2011*

- 5.368 million PTTs
- 13,615 hours of voice
- 15 busy PTTs (16 seconds)

NOTE: \*\*

Statistic from the last 12 months include the 7.11 system upgrade, during which approximately six weeks of data were not captured.

- 5,175 radio users
- 503 talkgroups
- 35 dispatch consoles at 9 dispatch sites
- 15 channels (13 active) at 14 towers



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# Upgrade from 7.7 to 7.11

- Infrastructure upgrade complete
- Existing consoles had software upgrade
- NICE Inform system installed; networking for dispatch center access in progress
- Motorola “stop ship” on some console hardware and software was lifted.
- Console hardware upgrade upcoming





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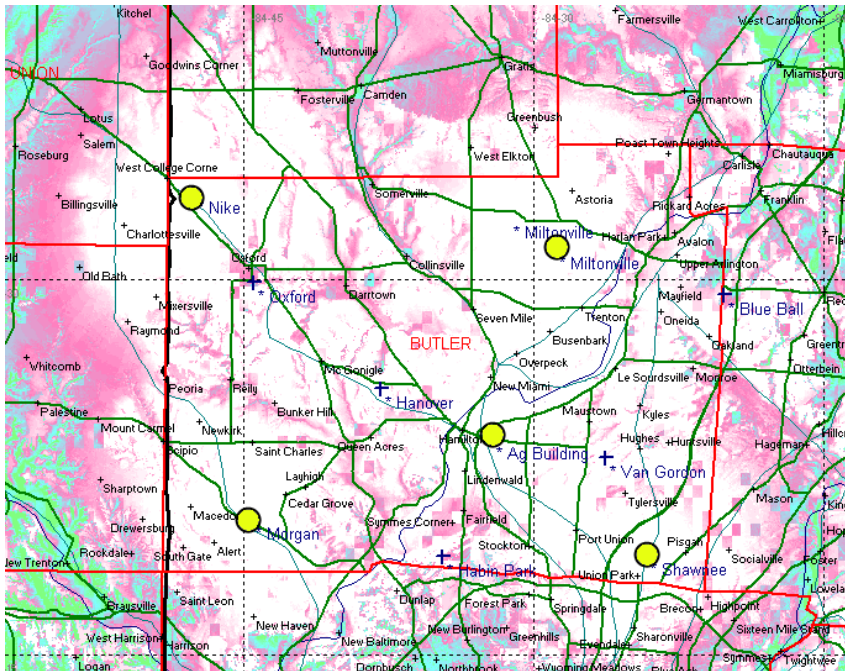
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# NCIP Project Scope

- Establish new, narrowband compliant county-wide VHF system
  - Improve capacity, coverage and reliability over existing system
  - Use existing, government-owned tower sites (reduce or eliminate leased site costs)
- Modify existing microwave network to support conventional system
  - Reduce or eliminate leased telephone line costs
- Decommission wideband VHF systems and vacate sites

# Sites for VHF System



- 5 tower simulcast
- Increases fire alerting from four sites to five
- Uses hardened sites (generator, battery, redundant connections, monitoring)



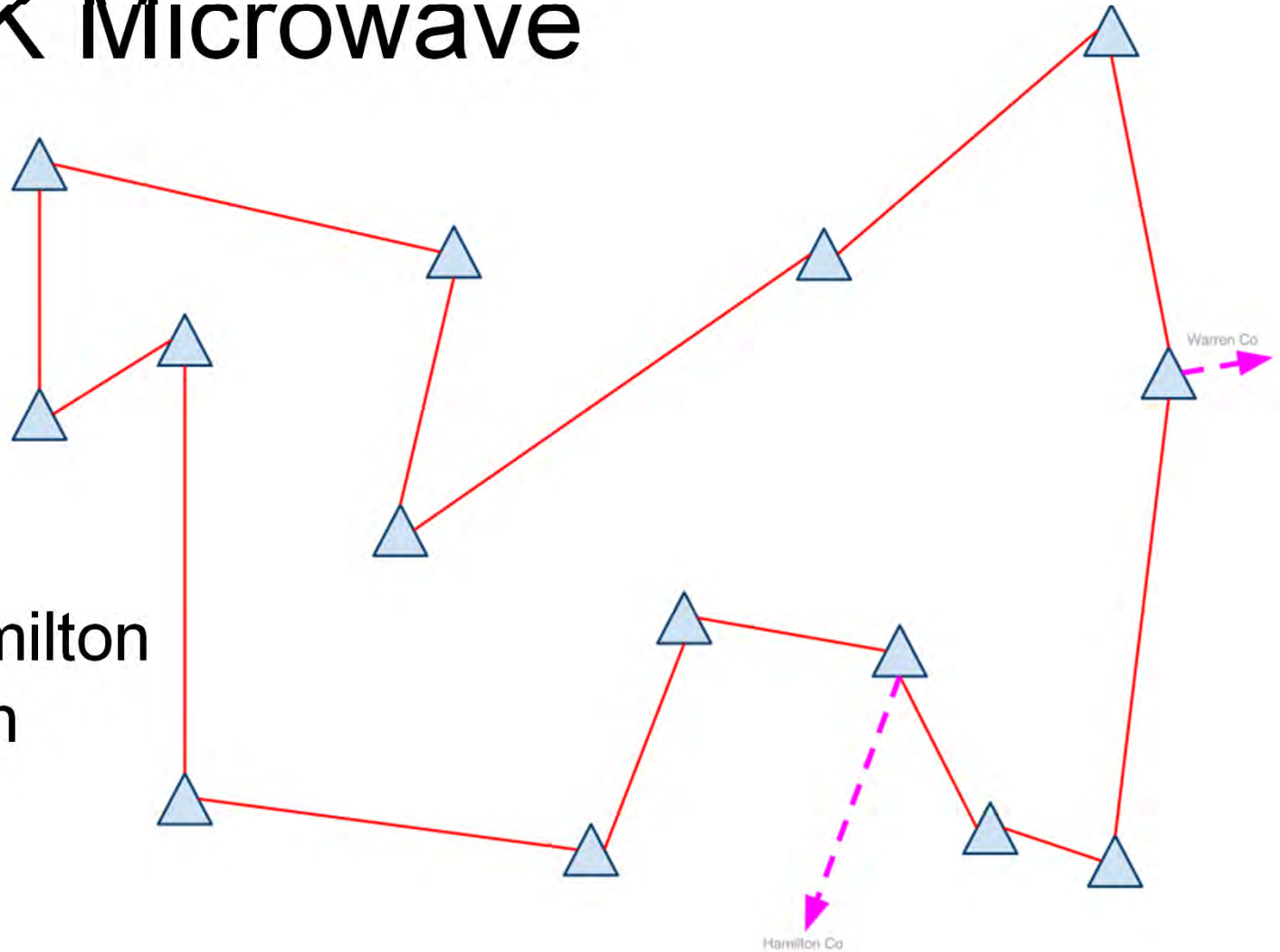
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# SOSINK Microwave

- Link to Hamilton and Warren counties





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# New Agencies

- Fairfield Public Works (additional users)
- Madison Twp Road Dept
- Reily Twp Road Dept
- Butler County Maintenance
- Partners in Prime (in progress)
- Middletown Senior Center (in progress)
- Bethesda Butler County ER (February 1<sup>st</sup>)



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# Recent Events

- Attempted copper theft at tower site in Morgan Township
- Fiber outages affecting dispatch centers
- Updates on neighboring counties
  - SOSINK and Region 3



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# Committee Reports

- PSAP Committee
- Fire Communications Committee
- Law Enf. Communications Committee
- Plain Language Committee



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# Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting:

- March 28<sup>th</sup> 2013
- 1:30p
- EOC

- 2013

- January
- March
- May
- July
- September

- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 1:30p



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