

BUTLER REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 26, 2013

Location: 1810 Princeton Rd. Butler County EOC

Board Members Present: **Absent:**

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair T. Goller

Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 28, 2013: 1st: M. McManus 2nd: D. Dick. **PASSED**

BRICS System Updates:

- B. Vedra presented the attached PowerPoint presentation reference BRICS updates.
- The Motorola XTS5000 portable radios we are using have an end of support date of December, 2018.
- Chief Dickey: Agencies are required to replace radios per the original agreement. Agencies need to be reminded of this. T. Goller reports the original participation agreement says the local agency is responsible.
- Was the 1/4% sales tax allocation for radio infrastructure placed in a separate line item account in the county's budget as discussed at a previous meeting with Commissioner Dixon ? Vedra will check this.
- **School Radio Initiative;** the Ohio Schools Facility Commission is providing 1 radio and 1 secure door to each public school in the state. They want to use MARCS channels, which concerns BRICS. BRICS is working with Mobilcomm to ensure programming is completed correctly. This only applies to public schools not private.
- **Medical Helicopters;** there have been some reported issues communicating with helicopters. BRICS personnel tested AirCare helicopters yesterday with no issues. If anyone has helicopter issues please notify BRICS.
- **Neighboring items;** Montgomery, Warren and Union County, IN now have PSAP call groups programmed in their Communications Center. Preble County is in process.
- It is still a struggle working with Hamilton County Communications Center. They only want certain talkgroups, not the interoperability template. Dennis Dick asked what HCCC would get from us. Vedra reports the specific interoperability Police/Fire templates. The request for ID's comes from Mobilcomm.
- **SOSINK Updates;** There was discussion on the School Radio Initiative, mentioned above. SOSINK talkgroups are now available on the MARCS system. This is the old Disaster Net. Clermont, Greene and Warren counties are building new systems. Hamilton County is in the planning stage.

Committee Updates:

- PSAP; D. Dick reports no items for the group.
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- LE; Chief Dickey reports no issues.
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- Fire; Chief Goller reports the group is working on the Panic Button Policy.
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- Plain Language; The Police Chief's Assn. and BRICS need an appointed member. The group as it stands is PSAP, D. Dick WC, J. Galloway EMA, M. Schumann Fire.
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Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order: None


Next meeting: January 23, 2014 1:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at: 2:25 PM

Respectfully,

Richard A. Miller
Secretary

Butler County Sheriff's Office
Communications Division



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New Agencies & Users

- BRICS Users
 - Regional Transit Authority (additional users)
 - Middletown Public Works (additional users)
 - Union County IN Dispatch
- Interoperability Users
 - Cincinnati Fire Department (in progress)
 - Army Corp of Engineers, Brookville Lake
 - Preble County agencies: West Elkton FD, Camden FD, PCSO
 - Clermont Co: Miami Twp FD, Loveland Symmes FD
 - Hamilton Co: Springdale FD (in progress)



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Updates since Last Meeting (March)



- Five-site VHF system is online with three channels:
 - VHF Fire Alerting
 - Weather Alerting
 - Calling Channel
- The version 7.11 upgrade and dispatch console replacement was completed.
- Battery replacement at the master site and remote tower sites complete.
- Training for Bethesda BC & others
- BCSO Corrections reprogramming

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Maintenance & Aging Infrastructure

- Lightning strikes
- Tower climbs for light repairs
- Generator repairs
- HVAC
- Smoke detectors

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Statistics

YTD (Jan - Aug)

- 5,841,394 PTTs
- 2 Busy Calls

Jan - Aug 2013	
Radio PTTs	
January	583620
February	624325
March	718455
April	745540
May	782913
June	729302
July	771882
August	730257

- 5,685 radio users
- 534 talkgroups
- 35 dispatch consoles at 9 dispatch sites
- 15 channels (13 active) at 14 towers
- 231 repairs and purchases

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Subscriber Planning

- XTS / XTL Discontinuation
- Life of current radios
 - Manufactured in 2008, into service in 2009
- We will need a phased approach. Develop specifications. Go to bid?
- Subscriber Planning Committee, 2014?

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Other Items

- School Radios
- SOSINK / Regional Updates
- Medical Helicopters
- Interoperability with Neighbors

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Committee Reports

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

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Meeting Schedule

- Schedule:
 - January
 - March
 - May
 - July
 - September
- 4th Thursday @ 1:30p

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