

BUTLER REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 27, 2014

Location: 1810 Princeton Rd. 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 September 26, 2013: 1st: Dennis Dick 2nd: John Jones. **PASSED**

BRICS System Updates:

- Tanya Kaiser and Matt Franke
- Radio Repairs
 - All parts are bought at bulk pricing. Batteries cost \$98 from Motorola. BRICS purchase for \$84. There is no mark up on the parts from BRICS.
 - Anything that is covered by the \$100 Motorola contract is covered by the \$25 BRICS contract.
 - Abuse/ Water Damage is not covered.
 - Chart is attached.
- Tanya Kaiser is working on updated inventory lists.
 - Please check this thoroughly.
- Fire Mobiles
 - Fire Mobiles need to be assigned by a permanent vehicle number, not a radio alias.
 - Agencies move vehicle aliases around which makes it impossible to track what vehicle the radio is installed.
- Motion by Terry Klinzing to require all agencies with mobile radios to have a permanent vehicle number assigned for tracking purposes. Second by Dennis Dick **PASSED**
- Bill Vedra PowerPoint attached
- STATS
 - 2013; 8.8 million plus PTT's with 2 busy signals
 - January, 2014; 768,473 PTT's with 4 busy signals
 - 1 additional channel has been added to the system
- Subscriber Planning
 - The XTS/XTL models are no longer being produced by Motorola.
 - Parts will be available until 2018
 - We need a Subscriber/ Financial subcommittee appointed to research new models and the financing to replace our current radios.
 - We have more choices that we had in 2006.
 - Would like to have the committee in place before next month's meeting.

- School Emergency Radios
 - Ross and New Miami Schools have not been approved yet for the grant.
 - Each district will sign a MOU
 - Training
 - Each district will have their own talk group.
- MARCS
 - In the process of building the "System of Systems"
 - BRICS is in discussion with MARCS on out of county coverage.
 - Matt Franke reports if we do this we will see a significant savings on our annual maintenance.
 - Request we keep the March meeting scheduled so we can discuss further.
- Warren County Radio System
 - Target of April for "GO LIVE"
 - The current Warren County talk groups in our radios will no longer work at "GO LIVE" We will have to touch all subscriber radios to program the new Warren County system.
- Inadvertent PTT's from curious listeners
 - The Squirrels Nest report from Colerain Twp showed numerous inadvertent PTT's from subscribers not associated with the event. This ties up the channel even though it is only for a very short time.
 - This happened on Hamilton's "OIS"
 - Matt Franke; we must educate our users at the local agencies. They can put the channel in their scan list and it will not tie up the talk group.
- Lost Radios
 - Please let BRICS know if you have any missing or lost radios.
 - BRICS will disable the radio on the system.
 - After a period of time BRICS will bill the agency for the lost radio.
 - Agencies must be diligent on their inventory.
- 9 Com/ 2 Com merger Template complete
 - Hamilton Fire Dept. has the new model for emergency alarms.
- Fire Encryption "A" Bank
 - Could be situations where this is important.
 - Locations of keys, Alarm Codes etc.

Committee Updates:

- PSAP
 - Dennis Dick; no report
- LE
 - Mike Dickey; no report
- Fire
 - Tony Goller; no report from fire communications
- Plain Talk
 - Tony Goller; no report but can meet if needed

Old Business: Report from Bill Vedra reference 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? Deferred to Matt Franke; There is no longer a separate fund. The 1/4% is earmarked to fund the ongoing maintenance of the system.

New Business: None

Good of the Order: None

Next meeting: March 27th, 2014, 1:30PM, EOC

Meeting adjourned at: 3:10 PM

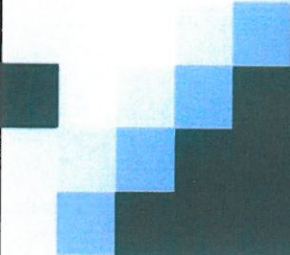

Respectfully,

Richard A. Miller
Secretary

RADIO REPAIR

	Part Cost	Repair Covered by Maintenance Plan	Labor Charge for Physical / Liquid Damage Repair
Frequently Replaced XTS Accessories			
PSM/RSM	\$124 / \$120	No	No, if less than .25 hours
RF Adapter	\$112	No	No, if less than .25 hours
Antenna 1/4 wave 1/2 wave	\$20.40 / \$28.60	No	No, if less than .25 hours
Battery XTS5000	\$84	No	No, if less than .25 hours
Battery Clip - XTS5000	\$9.40	No	No, if less than .25 hours
Single Charger - XTS	\$132	No	
Multi Charger - XTS	\$630.40	No	Yes - \$80 per hour
Frequently Replaced XTS Radio Parts			
Volume / Frequency Knob + retainers	\$4.00 / \$3.36 - \$2.24 / \$2.10	No	No, if less than .25 hours
Scan on/off switch	\$11.20	Yes, if malfunction	No, if less than .25 hours
Soft Keys		Yes, if malfunction	
LCD - XTS5000	\$65.20	Yes, if malfunction	Yes - \$80 per hour
Front Housing with accessory contacts	\$86.40	Yes, if malfunction	Yes - \$80 per hour
Control Flex - controls vol, freq, ACB switch, emergency button, PTT, speaker	\$197.40	Yes, if malfunction	Yes - \$80 per hour
Radio Chassis - RF board, VOCON board	Depot Flat Rate \$393	Yes, unless physical / liquid damage	Quote from BRICS
Battery contacts on chassis	Depot Flat Rate \$393	Yes, unless physical / liquid damage	Quote from BRICS
XTL Radio			
Depot Flat Rate	\$465	Yes, unless physical / liquid damage	Quote from BRICS
XTL Accessories			
Microphone	\$60	No	No, if less than .25 hours
Antenna Kit	\$32.60	No	Quote from BRICS
Services			
Programming	\$80 per hour / typically .25 hours		
Engraving	\$80 per hour / typically .25 hours		
PM	Included in BC Maintenance Plan	Yes	


Butler County Sheriff's Office
Communications Division



BRICS

Butler Regional Interoperable
Communications System

800MHz Advisory Board
February 26th, 2014



Update Agenda Items

- New Agencies & Users
- Statistics
- Subscriber Planning
- School Emergency Radios
- BRICS / MARCS
- Warren County
- Other Items
- Committee Reports
- Meeting Schedule

February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board

New Agencies & Users

- BRICS Users
 - Middletown Public Works (additional radio)
- Interoperability Users
 - Cincinnati Fire Department (in progress?)
 - Union Twp FD (Clermont Co) – additional radios
 - Sharonville FD (Hamilton Co) – additional radios
 - Springdale FD (Hamilton Co) – new users

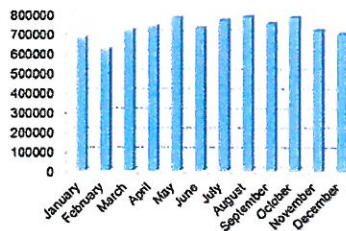
February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board

Statistics

2013 (Jan – Dec) ■ 8,804,744 PTTs ■ 2 Busy Calls	2014 (Jan) ■ 768,473 PTTs ■ 4 Busy Calls
--	--

Jan - Dec 2013		2014	
Radio PTTs		Radio PTTs	
January	683620	January	768,473
February	624325		
March	719959		
April	740546		
May	782973		
June	729032		
July	771882		
August	789057		
September	755270		
October	785685		
November	720707		
December	701678		



- 5960 radio users
- 549 talkgroups
- 30 dispatch consoles at 8 dispatch sites
- 15 channels (14 active) at 14 towers
- Repairs and purchases
 - 2013 – 329
 - 2014 – 48

February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board

Subscriber Planning

- XTS / XTL Discontinuation. Our radios:
 - Manufactured in 2008, into service in 2009
- We will need a phased approach for replacement.
- Begin forming a Subscriber Planning Committee today.
 - Need members with operational and technical understanding to develop specifications and compare technical capabilities of radio brands and models.
 - Needs members at executive level to discuss the financial side of radio replacement.
 - Meet next month (Thurs 3/27 @ 1:30pm?)

February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board

School Emergency Radios

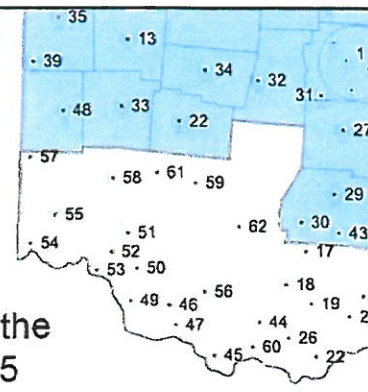


- OSFC administered grant program for public schools
- Most districts have been approved

February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board

MARCS



- Current MARCS 3.5 system
- New “system of systems” at the Motorola 7.X platform for P25
- Linking in: Warren, Greene, Clinton, Clermont
- In discussions: Montgomery (near term), Hamilton Co (early stages)

February 26th, 2014 800 MHz Advisory Board

Warren County Radio System

- Projecting a “go live” date in April, TBD
- Old system will go off the air when new system comes online
- Warren County zone in our radios will stop functioning at that time

February 26th, 2014 800 MHz Advisory Board

Other Items

- Inadvertent PTTs from curious listeners
- 9COM / 2COM merger template
- Billing for lost radios

February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board

Committee Reports

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

February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board

Meeting Schedule

- Schedule:

- January
- March
- May
- July
- September

- Next meeting

March 27th @ 1:30p

February 26th, 2014

800 MHz Advisory Board