



**ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
(A Federal, State and Municipal Partnership)**



**MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council**

**June 22, 2017**

**FROM: SOA Co-Chair**

**SUBJECT: May 18 Meeting Minutes**

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**Executive Council Members Present:**

Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer	State of Alaska – Department of Public Safety
Colonel Harold Hoang	Department of Defense (DOD) – Alaskan Command (ALCOM)/J6
ASAC Tony Jung	Alaska Federal Executive Association - Federal Bureau of Investigation (via teleconference)
Ms. Linda Murphy	Alaska Municipal League (via teleconference)

**ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:**

Mr. Ocie Adams	User Council Chair (via teleconference)
Mr. Del Smith	Operations Manager
Mr. Scott Stormo	Enterprise Technology Services
Mr. John Rockwell	Department of Public Safety
Mr. Steve Noel	FirstNet
Mr. Lynn Quick	AT&T
Ms. Sherry Shafer	Operations Management Office (via teleconference)

**1. Call to Order.** Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer, State of Alaska (SOA) Co-Chair called the meeting to order and the roll call was read.

**2. Opening Statements and Other Announcements.** Deputy Commissioner Comer asked if there were any opening statements or special announcements. There were no responses.

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.** Deputy Commissioner Comer asked the Executive Council (EC) members if they had reviewed the April meeting minutes and requested a motion for their approval, if there were no changes.

**Motion: Approve the April 20 Executive Council meeting minutes, as written.**

The motion was made by Colonel Harold Hoang and seconded by Deputy Commissioner Comer. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

**4. Old Business.**

a. Grant funding opportunities. Deputy Commissioner Comer asked Mr. Ocie Adams if there was any update. Mr. Adams stated he was working on a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant and Mr. Scott Stormo and Mr. John Rockwell were assisting with research.

Mr. Rockwell noted he was also looking into current infrastructure grants.

b. Revenue Generation. Deputy Commissioner Comer asked Mr. John Rockwell for an update and Mr. Rockwell stated there was no change from the last meeting and the State budget session had been extended.

c. Cooperative Agreement Update. Colonel Hoang stated he had a meeting with the Base Legal Office yesterday to discuss the appropriate language and they had found a way forward. He advised the Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) will provide advice by next week and once this was completed, the package would be staffed through the combined Headquarters up to General Wilsbach for signature by July.

d. Telephone Interconnect for the Transportable Communications System. Mr. Stormo briefed this had not been discussed further but he and Mr. Woodall would resolve the issue.

e. System Upgrade Assistance (SUA) and Equipment End of Life (EOL). Mr. Scott Stormo advised there was \$4.5M for the upgrade of the Zone Controllers and the first year of the SUA.

Colonel Hoang noted he had been talking with the services and this was in the five-year plan. He stated the refresh would begin in 2018.

Mr. Rockwell expressed concern about the Alaska State Troopers (AST) future replacement of the handhelds and portables and stated that needed to be put into the timeline.

Mr. Stormo stated the State does not have the operating budget to pay for the SUA beyond the first year in 2018, and that is why the discussions on revenue sharing were so critical.

Deputy Commissioner Comer suggested that this item should be **CLOSED** and there were no objections

## **5. User Council Update.**

Letter of Admonishment. Mr Ocie Adams briefed the User Council had received the draft letter of admonishment prepared by the Operations Management Office and had approved it to go forward for Executive Council approval and signature.

Colonel Hoang approved the language but Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Tony Jung advised that if he was to sign it, it would have to be staffed through the Federal Bureau of Investigation Legal Office. The decision was made to have Deputy Commissioner Comer sign as the Executive Council representative.

The following motion was provided.

**Motion: Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer to sign the proposed letter of admonishment with the language, as written.**

The motion was made by Colonel Harold Hoang and seconded by ASAC Jung. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

Mr. Del Smith briefed the agency involved had been very cooperative throughout the investigation process and assured him it wouldn't happen again.

## **6. Operations Management Office.**

a. Quarterly Master Site rollover. Mr. Smith advised the rollover had occurred on April 26 and 27 as scheduled. He stated the Operations Management Office (OMO) and the System Management Office (SMO) staff were on site at 4a.m. and had contacted all the dispatch centers to ensure there were no on-going events in progress prior to beginning the process. Mr. Smith briefed the rollover took about 20 – 30 seconds total as the primary was rolled to the backup controller, and again on the second day as the process was completed in reverse. He stated there were no operational issues.

b. Annual Subscriber Inventory. Mr. Smith advised the council the audit was complete for all intent and purposes. He stated there were two agencies who had requested and received extensions.

c. April System metrics. Mr. Smith briefed there was an issue with the Genesis System during the rollover that was not apparent until the data was collected at the end of the month. He advised the issue occurred in Zone 2 only and five days' worth of data was missing. Mr. Smith stated the issue was corrected on May 2. He explained he

compared the previous two years' May statistics, which were 1.116M in 2015 and 1.101M in 2016, so the calls were reflected down slightly due to the lost data.

Mr. Smith noted the busies, however, were up with about 500 occurring at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) site. He advised that at first he believed it was due to the Vice President's visit, but after looking at the reports and talking to AST was advised there was a SERT exercise at the old Kulis Air National Guard base. Mr. Smith explained that upon examination of the AST codeplug, they found the programming was not least preferred for TSAIA, which is a three-channel site and was overwhelmed with the exercise traffic. He requested AST provide notification in the future of such exercises so some pre-planning could be done to avoid future situations like this.

Mr. Rockwell promised they would try to communicate better in the future and work with the ALMR staff to avoid taxing the smaller sites.

d. New ALMR sites. Mr. Smith advised there were two new planned ALMR sites going in this summer. He stated the first would be at Knik and co-located with the Municipality of Anchorage site in their shelter.

Mr. Smith briefed the second site would be at Delta Junction and would be at the original SOA site, which had been removed and relocated to Fort Greely.

Colonel Hoang asked why it had been relocated and Mr. Smith explained that Fort Greely was not getting the anticipated coverage they expected when the site was installed, so it was moved to the installation to correct the issue.

Mr. Smith advised the move of the site then created coverage gaps in the Delta Junction area. He briefed both the locals and AST have complained since the site was moved about coverage along the road and in low areas.

Mr. Stormo stated the site could be in as soon as next week but it would be no later than the end of June. He advised the Enterprise Technology Service (ETS) technicians had been working non-stop last week trying to get it ready.

e. MCC7500 installations. Mr. Smith notified the council the MCC7500 consoles for the Goose Creek Correctional Center were in ETS at Tudor Road, the Soldotna Public Safety Center was completed and Ketchikan was scheduled for next week. He stated the reason the Executive Council meeting location was moved, was that the ETS Conference Room was full of equipment and a training class was going on all week on the new consoles.

Mr. Smith also advised that MATCOM was looking to update their consoles in the October timeframe.

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked what the status of Valdez was and Mr. Smith replied that Valdez had talked to Motorola but nothing has occurred beyond that.

Mr. Smith noted that Kenai, Homer and Seward are all RF connected to the System and would still utilize their Gold Elites. He pointed out Valdez could operate this way, as well.

## **7. New Business.**

First Net Briefing. Mr. Rockwell introduced Mr. Steve Noel from FirstNet and Mr. Lynn Quick from AT&T, who is partnering with FirstNet.

Mr. Noel went over the State Plan for development and the timeline to review the plan and either opt in or opt out. He advised the next meeting with the State representatives was scheduled for June 7 – 8, the plan would be released sometime in mid-June, the State would have 45 days to review the plan and then the Governor has 90 days to respond on the State's decision to opt in or opt out. Mr. Noel advised a non-response was considered an opt-in response.

Mr. Rockwell explained the secure State Plan Portal and who would likely be involved and have access – normally the same individuals who are involved in the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).

Mr. Noel noted there was also a marketing side of the portal, which was unsecured and the general public would have access. He pointed out the three greatest concerns with FirstNet with all states are coverage, cost and control and they have tried to address these as completely as possible.

Mr. Quick explained that AT&T is involved in FirstNet because they won the bid to build out the system, and how they are leveraging the existing networks to extend and augment them. He emphasized they are not replacing mission critical voice, but they are expanding the footprint. Mr. Quick added FirstNet is meant to grow over time and is a way to jump the state way ahead, as all cities on it have the same level of access. He pointed out there is no financial commitment and no mandate to use it, and that Motorola is also a partner of AT&T in this endeavor. Mr. Quick stated for the State of Alaska and other states in the Northwest, the downside is that it's not favorable for rural areas, as there is a minimum population number that must be met and Alaska rural communities don't meet that threshold.

**8. Next Meeting.** Deputy Commissioner Comer advised the group that the next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Technology Services Conference Room, 5900 E Tudor Road and asked if there were any issues with that date.

Colonel Hoang requested the meeting be slipped one week to the right to June 22, as that would be his last meeting as the DOD Co-Chair. Colonel Hoang stated he would bring his Deputy, LTC Denter, to the meeting and he would sit in until the new J6 was on board and ready to take over.

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked ASAC Jung if this would work for him and ASAC Jung advised he would be traveling during that time, but would have someone sit in on the meeting.

Ms. Linda Murphy stated the date change worked for her.

**9. Adjourn Meeting.** Deputy Commissioner Comer asked the group if there was any further discussion and hearing none requested a motion for adjournment.

The motion was made by Colonel Hoang and seconded by ASAC Jung. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:27p.m.



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ALMR Executive Council

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