



**ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

July 20, 2017

FROM: SOA Co-Chair

SUBJECT: June 22 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 (outgoing)
Colonel Timothy Maxwell	Department of Defense (DOD) – Alaskan Command (ALCOM)/J6 (incoming)
Captain Dave Koch	Municipality of Anchorage- Anchorage Police Department
Ms. Linda Murphy	Alaska Municipal League

ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:

Mr. Ocie Adams	User Council Chair (via teleconference)
Mr. Del Smith	Operations Manager
Mr. Bill Vajda	SOA Chief Information Officer
Mr. Jim Steele	SOA Deputy Chief Information Officer
Mr. Scott Stormo	ETS SATS/ALMR Manager
Mr. Tim Woodall	DOD ALMR Program Manager
Mr. Trygve Erickson	Municipality of Anchorage AWARN Manager (via teleconference)
Mr. Jim Nicholl	Motorola Solutions
Mr. John Rockwell	DPS 911 Coordinator
Mr. John Roberts	DPS Statewide Services
Ms. Katherine Hatch	SOA DOA Operations Technician
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 reminded everyone this was Colonel Harold Hoang's last meeting.

Colonel Hoang stated it was a privilege to be part of this effort and introduced the new Alaskan Command (ALCOM)/J6, his replacement, Colonel Timothy Maxwell, who had transferred from Air Force Space Command (AFSPACECOM).

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked the individuals present in the room to introduce themselves and give a brief statement on what they did for Colonel Maxwell's benefit.

Mr. Del Smith and Mr. Tim Woodall also gave a combined overview of the governing bodies for ALMR and what areas each covers.

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

Motion: Approve the May 18 Executive Council meeting minutes, as written.

The motion was made by Colonel 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 still working through the process and there was a lot out there.

Mr. John Rockwell advised he had gone through the SAFECOM 2017 Guidance and reviewed all 11 grants. He noted some were applicable so he called the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and asked about the process. Mr. Rockwell stated he was told 80 percent of the money goes to locals and the State was not eligible, so at this point there were no grants to push forward.

Colonel Hoang suggested this item be **CLOSED**. There were no objections.

b. Revenue Generation. Deputy Commissioner Comer asked Mr. Rockwell for an update.

Mr. Rockwell briefed he had previously put together five options but currently there was no traction for a sustainable funding effort. He stated the first thing the State need was to establish a Statewide Interoperable Governing Body (SIGB) who was more suited to address this issue at the State level.

c. Cooperative Agreement Update. Colonel Hoang stated the updated agreement went to the Judge Advocate General (JAG) this morning and he was putting together the staffing package to go forward to Lieutenant General Wilsbach for signature.

Mr. Woodall explained the JAG was confident the Department of Defense (DOD)/ALCOM could enter the agreement through the mutual aid clause in the new article.

d. Telephone Interconnect for the Transportable Communications System. Mr. Scott Stormo advised when the revised Cooperative Agreement is finalized it will provide the basis to put together the memorandum of agreement (MOA) to address this.

Mr. Woodall agreed the new Article 22 in the agreement should now provide the authority without an independent MOA.

e. System Upgrade Assistance (SUA) and Equipment End of Life (EOL). Mr. Smith pointed out the system software release 7.17 was already out and 7.18 would be released by the end of the year. He stated, although this was closed at the last meeting, he was concerned because the support for pre-testing of patches would cease at the end of this year.

Mr. Woodall advised the DOD was going through with the funding and the Army and Air Force had already secured funding for the upgrade. He noted their concern was DOD is on track but will lose the money if they cannot implement the contract in 2018. Mr. Woodall stressed the importance of tracking the State and Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) funding efforts. He also explained the impact of the loss of pre-testing because they could lose the Approval to Operate (ATO) if the information assurance controls are not met.

Colonel Hoang stated they could request an interim ATO but the DOD needed the assurance the State and MOA have the ability to move forward at the same time.

Mr. Stormo advised the State has the money in the FY18 Capital Budget request and the MOA has previously stated they will be able to get the money they need.

Mr. Smith briefed the System could not move to the 7.19 platform because Quantars are still being utilized.

Mr. Jim Nicholl noted that at 7.17 the System would be two iterations behind but this would buy everyone more time to upgrade their equipment.

Mr. Smith asked if a motion was needed to add this item back into the Old Business portion of the agenda.

Motion: Reinsert the System Upgrade Assistance (SUA) and Equipment End of Life (EOL) issue back into the Old Business portion of the monthly Executive Council agenda until resolution.

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

5. User Council Update.

Mr Ocie Adams stated all the council positions were filled and they were on track.

6. Operations Management Office.

a. Annual Subscriber Inventory. Mr. Smith gave a brief history of why the audit was performed for the benefit of Colonel Maxwell and advised there were still two agencies working to complete their audits, and they had requested and received extensions.

b. FY17 Membership Agreement Extension. Mr. Smith advised the council there was still no approved State Budget and the FY18 membership agreements could not be distributed to member agencies until one was approved and a cost share was determined. He offered the following motion to the council for their consideration.

Motion: Request the Executive Council approve a 60-day extension of all existing ALMR Membership Agreements, and extensions in 30-day increments thereafter, until such time as both the State of Alaska FY18 budget is approved and the cost share is determined.

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

c. New ALMR sites. Mr. Smith advised the two new ALMR sites, New Knik and Delta, were in the 30-day burn in period. He briefed the New Knik site was co-located in the MOA shelter at Knik and provided extended coverage for DNR Parks and Eklutna Lake.

Deputy Commissioner Comer stated the Troopers were also singing the praises of the site at Delta.

Mr. Stormo noted that Motorola had leaned forward on this to build the equipment well ahead of the projected September installation.

d. May System metrics. Mr. Smith briefed the push to talks were down from April as they are normally in the 1.2M range each month. He also stated the busies were up, and he was at a loss to explain reason for May's monthly numbers.

7. New Business.

First Net Update. Mr. Rockwell reminded everyone that FirstNet had partnered with AT&T to build FirstNet, which will be the national broadband network. He noted they have created the State plan, which will be available on the portal, which he will be

presenting at a meeting next week on Wednesday, June 28, and named a list of varied public safety individuals who will be attending.

8. Next Meeting. Deputy Commissioner Comer advised the group that the next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Technology Services Conference Room, 5900 E Tudor Road. He noted he may not be available as he had family who may be in town visiting.

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 Deputy Commissioner Comer. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:23p.m.



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