



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



MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

August 17, 2017

FROM: SOA Co-Chair

SUBJECT: July 20 Meeting Minutes

TO: See Distribution

Executive Council Members Present:

Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer	State of Alaska – Department of Public Safety
Colonel Timothy Maxwell	Department of Defense (DOD) – Alaskan Command (ALCOM)/J6
ASAC Antony Jung	Alaska Federal Executive Association - Federal Bureau of Investigation (via teleconference)
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. Tim Woodall	DOD ALMR Program Manager
Mr. Jim Nicholl	Motorola Solutions
Mr. Bruce Richter	OEC Region X Coordinator
Mr. John Rockwell	DPS 911 Coordinator
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 at 1:58p.m and the roll call was read.

2. Opening Statements and Other Announcements.

There were no opening statements or other announcements.

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

Motion: Approve the June 22 Executive Council meeting minutes, as written.

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

4. Old Business.

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

Mr. Rockwell briefed he had nothing new to report at this time, but was still looking at other avenues. He noted there was no traction on any of the ideas that had been floating at this point.

ASAC Jung asked if the council had considered a partnership with Alyeska Pipeline to help add funds toward the infrastructure and assist them with their radio communications.

Mr. Del Smith noted it had been discussed in the past, but had not resulted in any concrete effort.

Mr. Timothy Woodall explained the State had previously met with Alyeska and that because they were not a government entity, they were ineligible to participate in the cooperative.

Mr. John Rockwell also pointed out that north of Fairbanks there was no infrastructure to support Alyeska.

b. Cooperative Agreement Update. Colonel Maxwell stated there was no update on the agreement and it was still at the Judge Advocate General (JAG) office.

Mr. Woodall advised they had previously sent the agreement over with changes to two articles, the first was Article 22, which was new and covered mutual aid, and would be the basis by which the Department of Defense (DOD) could participate in the cooperative and the second article under review was Article 12 on security certification, which had had a significant change from the Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP) to the new Risk Management Framework (RMF). He noted there were some other minor changes to the body, as well. Mr. Woodall added once the JAG okays it, it could be sent to Lieutenant General Wilsbach, and he hoped to have it by the next meeting.

c. Telephone Interconnect for the Transportable Communications System. Mr. Woodall briefed, as soon as the Cooperative Agreement is signed, Article 22 will form the basis for the Memorandum of Agreement to cover this requirement.

Mr. Woodall gave a synopsis for the good of the group regarding the process for telephone interconnect through the transportable systems, which is part of the Defense Support of Civil Authorities mission.

d. System Upgrade Assistance (SUA) and Equipment End of Life (EOL). Mr. Woodall advised everything was status quo and the services were tracking the funds for 2018 and are above the red line. He doesn't anticipate any of the monies they have asked for would be degraded.

Mr. Smith stated he thought the Capital Budget may get some attention on the 27th if the Legislature calls itself back into session. He noted money for the System update and the SUA are included in the budget. Mr. Smith briefed they should know by next week if these items survive and the System updates can proceed.

5. User Council Update.

Mr. Ocie Adams noted he didn't have anything from a User Council perspective, but provided a summary of the SATS/ALMR capital projects provided by Mr. Scott Stormo for the upcoming FY19 State budget.

Mr. Rockwell also stated there needed to be an increase in the SATS staffing levels to do more in-house installs rather than have contractors doing them.

6. Operations Management Office.

a. Annual Subscriber Inventory. Mr. Smith advised the last confirmation form was received on July 5 and this item was completed for 2017.

b. Third Quarter Master Site Rollover. Mr. Smith briefed the next quarterly rollover would occur the week of August 7 – 11. He stated the process would be the same as the previous rollovers between 4 – 6 a.m. with the primary controller being updated on Wednesday and the secondary controller being updated on Thursday, with the sites being in site trunking approximately 15 – 30 seconds during the rollover. Mr. Smith advised he had distributed the first notification to the dispatch centers this week.

c. Genesis Software Update. Mr. Smith advised the Genesis system software was updated last week and now provides much more detailed reports, which will be very useful.

d. FY19 OMO/SMO Budget. Mr. Smith stated the draft was sent to the User Council today and should be forwarded to the Executive Council for their August meeting. He noted he had talk to Mr. Stormo this morning and as nothing was occurring with the

Quantars this year, the costs would be restricted to two years increasing next year's amount to \$11M.

Mr. Smith noted the inserts in the back of the document regarding software updates and end-of-life equipment updates are provided by Motorola. He advised he had spoken with Mr. Jim Nicholl prior to the meeting and updated information will be provided prior to the budget going to the Executive Council in August.

e. June System metrics. Mr. Smith briefed the push-to-talks were still down in June. He noted the new reports from Genesis will provide the number of actual calls and the push-to-talks within those calls and the data from this new breakout will begin starting in July.

Mr. Smith explained one difference is the addition of the MCC7500s reduced the number of talkgroups down to one, whereas the Gold Elites saw all the talkgroups. He stated eh can't confirm if this had an effect on the voice call numbers but it was looked at as a possible cause.

7. New Business.

a. MotoBridge. Mr. Woodall explained ALMR had an extensive MotoBridge network with two SIP servers and with gateways units at most of public safety locations. He noted it had not been well received by the dispatch community in Alaska and does not get used. Mr. Woodall briefed he would like to get a decision on whether to sustain or remove the MotoBridge components. He pointed out the rescue center and ranges use it extensively so those areas would be upgraded, but at the other existing locations, those units would be decommissioned.

Mr. Rockwell advised that Motorola Solutions was phasing out MotoBridge and replacing it with WAVE and on the FirstNet side, if Alaska opts in, they were looking at putting in a WAVE7000 system coupled with FirstNet and ALMR for non-mission critical push-to-talk.

Captain Dave Koch stated Anchorage utilized WAVE and it was part of their last update. He asked if it was already on one of the zones, is it a matter of licenses for other users.

Mr. Woodall stated the concern was a lot of money was spent to provide a gateway for agencies with disparate radio system to communicate in an emergency and provide a level of interoperability you don't find in other on any other LMR. He explained this was a way where second and third-tier responders could be quickly bridged into incident command. Mr. Woodall noted it is a really good idea but if agencies are not going to train with them and utilize them, the expense can't be justified.

Mr. Smith stated he would put it on the User Council August agenda for them to make a recommendation to present to the Executive Council final decision.

Deputy Commissioner asked this be added to the next meeting agenda.

b. Change of Executive Council meeting frequency. Deputy Commissioner Comer asked if the council if they had objections to moving the meeting to a quarterly basis to have fewer but more meaningful meetings.

Mr. Woodall stated, from a historical perspective, the meeting was originally held monthly, while ALMR was in the “project phase” due to the programmatic actions that required executive level decisions.

No one seemed to have any objections and Mr. Smith stated the Operations Management Office (OMO) would take a look at the documentation and send out an email after the meeting requesting everyone’s input. He requested they still meet in August to address the budget approval.

8. Next Meeting. Deputy Commissioner Comer advised the group that the next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Technology Services Conference Room, 5900 E Tudor Road.

Ms. Linda Murphy advised the group she would not be available for the August meeting.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Rockwell both advised the council members they would at APCO in Denver, Colorado, at this time. Mr. Smith advised he would still be calling in to brief the OMO portion.

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 ASAC Jung and seconded by Deputy Commissioner Comer. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:38p.m.



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