

**Milwaukee County Radio System
Advisory Council**

Meeting - September 19, 2013
North Shore Fire/Rescue Station 81
12:30pm
Approved

Attendees: Don Kernan (MCSO), Jim Mayer (Fire Service), Hugh Morris (IMSD),

Guests: Robert Barwick (City of West Allis), Chris Beldin (West Allis PD), Gary Bell (Waukesha Co.), Chris Botsch (West Allis PD), Clyde Gestl (Motorola), Peter Jafuta (Motorola), John Schrader (Washington Co.)

Objective: Consider requests for system access, general system updates.

Agenda Items

Approval of meeting minutes from 6/20/13

Chair Jim Mayer presented minutes from the 6/20/13 meeting for review. Motion to approve by Don Kernan. Second by Hugh Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for system access from ATF and Town of Delafield FD

The Council reviewed a request from the ATF for affiliate user status. They are requesting access to the existing HIDTA and interoperability talkgroups including SHF F2 and Countywide 1-4. They will initially have 74 mobiles, 74 portables and 3 control bases programmed on the system. No new talkgroups were requested. Motion to approve by Jim Mayer. Second by Hugh Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

The Town of Delafield FD submitted a request for affiliate user status. Their 15 mobile and 31 portable radios would be programmed with Fire/EMS and Countywide Interoperability talkgroups for mutual aid use. Motion to approve by Hugh Morris. Second by Don Kernan. Motion carried unanimously.

Lt. Kernan discussed a communication he received from the State Patrol requesting additional talkgroup access for some new radios. Since the State Patrol is already in operation as an affiliate user, no Council action is needed at this time for additional 800 MHz subscriber units operating natively on the MCTRS.

There was brief discussion on the WISCOM "Scan Gateway" that has been established by linking a scanning control base on the MCTRS to the WISCOM "MCSCAN" Talkgroup. The "Scan Gateway" appears to be operating in a bi-directional mode, which appears to be allowing WISCOM users to transmit on any of the scanned talkgroups, including SHF F1. Milwaukee County has not issued any written approval for this bi-directional arrangement. There is concern by the council that this could potentially lead to unauthorized transmit access to certain talkgroups.

General System Updates

IMSD is working with Channel 58 to access their newly installed backup generator at the tower site. This is one of the last steps in the multi-year site hardening project, with the Lakeshore towers site the only one remaining that does not have generator power.

Miscellaneous Items for Discussion

Hugh reviewed an e-mail memo sent out to the Police and Fire Chiefs regarding the status of the P25 System Upgrade RFP. The 10 member technical evaluation committee, made up of stakeholders from both Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties, has completed its detailed evaluation and scoring of the three proposals. Financial portions of the proposals were deliberately kept separate and confidential from the technical evaluation committee. Now, the Waukesha County Purchasing Department is factoring the cost and financial aspects of each proposal to tabulate a final score and establish a winning vendor.

On October 1st. the City of Milwaukee Fire Department will be hosting a tabletop exercise on communication interoperability simulating a response to a major tornado touchdown involving both Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. This training is being funded by a Homeland Security grant. A practical exercise will also be held in two weeks.

The recent Mitchell International full scale exercise was discussed. Many of the 8TAC simplex tactical channels were utilized for interoperability purposes between county, city and airport units. Hugh reported that the county portable cache radios were utilized. They are looking at tweaking the programming template on the cache radios to more logically organize the interop talk groups/frequencies by for easier access by whichever discipline is using the radios.

Attachments

ATF Request
Town of Delafield FD Request

Next Meeting – Schedule / Location

October 23, 2013 – City Campus