



BUTLER REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM 800 MHz ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2023

LOCATION Butler County EOC

Meeting called to order by Chief Eickelberger, Co-Chair at 1:36 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS					
Communications Representatives	Sheriff's Office	Capt. M. Franke	P	Commissioners	Ms. J. Boyko A
	Fire Chief's Assn.	Chief T. Eickelberger	P	Chiefs of Police Assn.	Chief J. Jones P
	Engineer's	Mr. S. Bressler	A		
	West Chester	Director D. Dick	P	Butler County	Lt. T. Langmeyer P
	Hamilton	Capt. T. Chenoweth	P	Oxford	Chief J. Detherage A
	Middletown	Major E. Crank	A	Fairfield	Manager J. Meyer P
	Trenton	Lt. D. Rosenfelder	E	Monroe	Mgr. M. McKinney P

ACTING BOARD MEMBERS

Motion to seat T. Bushong for Lt Rosenfelder by MF, 2nd DD **PASSED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 25: 1st DD, 2nd JM **PASSED**

BRICS SYSTEM UPDATES

- Captain M. Franke & Director K. Carpenter (Presented by Mgr Brian Stiens)
 - B Stiens: PTT's Jan to June similar to last year, uptick in May. Still down from previous years. Number of radios at depot is seven. APX radios more of a challenge for in-house repairs.
 - M Franke: Question about PTT numbers and discussion with K Carpenter about date use with GPS
 - D Dick: Question about GPS info and access, KC discusses.
 - BS: Financial update; a little over \$4600 in open invoices, mostly maintenance, schools and hospitals and fire . R Burke: Which hospitals are outstanding? BS: UCWC. RB: Will reach out.
 - BS: Motorola battery shipment arrived, more ordered. Will also continue to order and stock Impact batteries. MF: No downside of Impact batteries? BS: No
 - BS: PM schedule; majority of law done, most of jail done. Admin & patrol next, school radios in progress.
 - BS: XT series; July 1, 2025 state deadline for radios to have authentication. MF: State set a deadline, Advisory Board already mandated all new radios to have authentication prior to the state. Advisory Board has not set a deadline yet, still working through and will have to make a decision to set a date and how users will be affected.
 - MF & KC: Discussion of XTS support from depot & BRICS.
 - RB: Hospitals will need to upgrade to APX or run risk of becoming unstable? MF: Given a date they may be removed from system. No immediate rush, Advisory Board will have to make decision within next year.
 - DD: Question about communicating to current XTS users for budget planning. General discussion of notifying users and state deadline for radio authentication with MF, DD, KC.
 - MF: **Advisory Board requests that BRICS staff to come back with a recommendation at the September meeting on setting a date for XTS users upgrade to APX to meet radio authentication requirements as set by the state.**
 - BS: No System Updates to report.

SECRETARY UPDATES

- Paul Weddle, Secretary
Nothing to Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **PSAP**, Dir. D. Dick
Nothing new to report, have not met in a while. Changed meetings from monthly to quarterly. Next scheduled meeting is on October 10. MF: What is the schedule? DD: Second Tuesday of the first month of the quarter.
- **LE**, Chief J. Jones
Police Chief's & Fire Chief's associations met, discussed MCI exercise. After action discussion, want to develop policies for police & fire to respond together and communication procedures. Need to have communications involved with discussion. MF: Advisory Board can assign task to a committee. Discussion among board members followed.
JJ, DD & MF Discussion of use, understanding & education on talk group use
MF: BRICS staff; review BRICS policy on 205's. Discussion among board members of 205 use.
T Chenoweth: Is there educational component for new users? Power Point training?
Discussion among board members of past training and training for new users
MF: BRICS is always available for training
- **FIRE**, Chief T. Eickelberger
Nothing to report. Shared comments and discussion with MF to follow up on training discussion.
M McKinney: Do Motorola products have voice command feature KC: APX Next has voice command
- **PLAIN TALK**,
N/A
- **SUBSCRIBER FUNDING / STRATEGIC PLANNING**, Chief T. Eickelberger
Nothing to report.
- **HOSPITAL/HEMS**, Ryan Burke
Health Collaborative had Radio Sub-Committee meeting, discussed elimination of an old hospital channel, forcing users over to HRS 6 / MCI. Some language discussion of difference between Hospital Disaster Net, Disaster Net and Net Control.
Discussion of issues with medical helicopter operating on 8 TAC 92 and operating on MARCS channels

OLD BUSINESS

- MF: ACB Policy review. Still open to feedback from users. JJ: Dispatch centers using it appropriately? DD: Language revision submitted from PSAP committee. Discussion followed among board members. Discussion of LERN use. MF: OSP may be eliminating LERN. Discussion followed.
- MF: Meeting schedule revision. Staff recommendation is to change to quarterly meetings. Gives sub-committees time to meet on a more realistic basis. Discussion of meeting schedule and date follows.
- MF: Motion to move to quarterly meetings. TC: Second **PASSED** Advisory Board will now meet quarterly, on the 4th Thursday of the first month of the quarter.

NEW BUSINESS

- KC/BS-Motorola RF Analytics Coverage Map Review. KC: Explained RF Analytics and use. Confirmed our coverage. Beta testing it for Motorola, probably won't buy it. Discussion RF Analytics data.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by DD; 2nd TC **PASSED** Adjourned at 2:41 PM.

Submitted,

Paul R. Weddle

Secretary