

Date: December 12, 2018

1. Attendance.

P = Present	T = Via Telephone	E = Excused	U = Unexcused	N/A = Not required

User Council Members

	Primary				
N/A	Brown	Byron	LTC	DOD US Army - Alaska	
Т	Cicciarella	Bob	Chief	Municipalities Central	
N/A	Connolly	Ryan	MSgt	DOD USAF, JBER	
	VACANT			Municipalities Northern, Fairbanks PD	
Т	Kalwara	Erann	Ms.	Municipalities Southeast	
Т	Kroona	Jon	Mr.	Federal Non-DOD, FBI	
Т	Nelson	James	Officer	Fed Non-DOD, US Forest Service	
Т	Martin	Chris	Mr.	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB	
N/A	Patz	Greg	Mr.	SOA DOT	
Р	Rockwell	John	Mr.	SOA DPS, Chair	
Е	Skinner	Nate	Mr.	SOA All Others, DNR Forestry, Vice Chair	
Е	Wolfe	John	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD DOI, US Fish & Wildlife Service	

	Alternate				
Т	Brown	David	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, FBI	
Т	Cole	Henry	Mr.	SOA DOT	
U	Eubank	Greg	Mr.	SOA All Others, DMVA	
N/A	Gangstad	Linda	Ms.	Fed Non-DOD, TSA	
т	Gibbs	David	Mr.	Municipalities Northern, Fairbanks North Star Borough Director of Emergency Operations	
R	Goodman	Jim	Mr.	Municipalities Central, MatSu Borough	
	VACANT			Fed Non-DOD DOI, Bureau of Land Management	
Т	Jones	Dave	Mr.	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB	
N/A	Loughton	Mike	Special Agent	Fed Non-DOD, US Forest Service	
N/A	Morgan	Leon	Mr.	SOA DPS	
Т	Mlynarik	Pete	Chief	Municipalities Central, Soldotna PD	
Т	Paice	Stephen	SSgt	DOD USAF, JBER	
N/A	Scott	Heath	Chief	Municipalities Southeast, Haines Borough PD	
Т	Williams	Rick	Mr.	DOD, US Army - Alaska	

Supporting Staff and Guests:

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Р	Conant	Travis	Mr.	System Manager
Р	Nicholl	Jim	Mr.	Motorola Solutions
Т	Poyer	Мо	Mr.	TSA
Ρ	Richter	Bruce	Mr.	OEC Region X Coordinator
Т	Shafer	Sherry	Ms.	Document Specialist
Ρ	Smith	Del	Mr.	Operations Manager
Ρ	Stormo	Scott	Mr.	SOA OIT ALMR
Т	Ulrich	Naomi	Ms.	Motorola Solutions



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2. Meeting Minutes and Action Items.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items Assigned
Call to Order	Mr. John Rockwell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken and a quorum of User Council (UC) members was in attendance.	
	Ms. Erann Kalwara joined after roll was read.	
Introduction of Guests/Special Announcements	There were not guests or special announcements.	
Previous Meeting Minutes	John asked if everyone had a chance to review the November meeting minutes and if there were any changes. There were no requests for changes. Motion: Approve the November 7 meeting minutes, as	
	written. Motion: Mr. David Gibbs Second: Chief Peter Mlynarik	
	There were no objections. The motion passed .	
Issues & Risks Log Item Number	Active Issue	Action Items Assigned
	John requested Ms. Sherry Shafer to review the Issues and Risks Log. She read the current open items and the status.	
	Issues Closed at, or since, last meeting	
	There were no closed items at, or since, the last meeting.	
Action Items Review	Opened Items	Resolution
	There were no action items from the November meeting.	
Operations Management Office	Mr. Del Smith, Operations Manager	Action Items Assigned
7.0 Earthquake	 Mr. Del Smith briefed during the earthquake on November 30 there were 97,000 push to talks (PTTs) in a 24-hour period, which amounted to approximately 149 ½ hours of airtime. He stated ALMR performed exactly as we would want. Del added the Atwood site which experienced the most busies at 695 lasting an average of 3 seconds. Mr. Travis Conant advised the Alcantra, Cottonwood Creek and New Knik sites all bounced for under a minute during the quake. He added the Goose Creek Correctional Center went down for approximately two hours due to a Matanuska 	



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	Telephone Association (MTA) leased circuit failure. Travis noted they were still able to talk within the facility.	
	Travis also briefed the alternate consoles on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) went down due to a power outage but system wide it handled it well.	
	Del stated he had sent an email out to some of the dispatch centers requesting comments on how well the system worked during the earthquake and he had received no negative comments. He noted he had gotten a call from one of the Federal agencies who was doing an after action report and clarified with the individual the system did not go down and performed as it was designed.	
	Travis also noted he had looked at the talkgroup traffic to see if he needed to put minimize traffic in effect, but everyone on the System at the time should have been on there.	
	Mr. Bruce Richter stated he has some staff available that could help with any after action reporting, if needed.	
	Mr. Rick Williams briefed that USARAK reported they had no outages and that report went to their higher headquarters and program manager overseeing the new program for ALMR.	
Donor Radios	2. Del advised the council members he'd received an inquiry from an agency with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) wanting to use a donor radio to connect a cell phone to a talkgroup. He explained we already have WAVE which does provide that capability. Del also noted he had talked extensively with the Information Systems Security Manager (ISSM) and she had several questions which need to be answered by the agency and the System Change Request form would also need to be completed and evaluated before we proceed.	
Multi-agency Incident Response	3. Del reminded the group he had spoken to them previously about this situation and the impact of major accidents to three-channel sites. He stated he'd had a teleconference with the dispatchers but their response was that the people at the scene needed to control the traffic, because the dispatchers did not have the authority to do so. Del reiterated the need for better training because there were seven talkgroups involved and they generated several hundred busies for this incident.	
Fourth Quarter Rollover/Patching	4. Del briefed the master site rollover/quarterly patching was scheduled for December 17 -20 and he had been in touch with the dispatchers already to advise them. He added this was the third attempt to complete this and asked Mr. Travis Conant if there was anything further to add.	



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Department of Defense	Mr. Timothy Woodall	Action Items Assigned
	continue. Scott advised the new Governor would probably not modify Governor Walker's budget and put it out to meet the statutory guidelines, but then put out an entirely new budget in January. He added, it as far as the Quantars were concerned, if they didn't make it into the budget this cycle then separation is probably a reality.	
Procurement Activity	activity on the microwave, as long as it makes it through the process. He added they had finally been able to spend some of the money on getting repairs done but with a new administration coming in, he didn't know if that would	
State of Alaska Microwave	Mr. Scott Stormo and/or Mr. Randy Kilbourne Mr. Scott Stormo advised there was some procurement	Action Items Assigned
Earthquake	Mr. Travis Conant stated Atwood, which is a ten-channel site was the busiest and had about 50 talkgroups affiliated with it. He also noted the four-channel site in the valley had a huge traffic volume, as well. Travis stated his recommendation was there should be at least five channels at all sites in the Anchorage and Wasilla areas and was working with the State of Alaska (SOA), DOD and the MOA on an after-action report.	A akion kama
System Management Office	Mr. Travis Conant, System Manager	Action Items Assigned
November System Metrics	7. Del noted the busies were exponentially higher. He stated in November there were 2,651 busies on ALMR and 3,333 on AWARN, but without the busies attributed to the earthquake traffic, November statistics tracked with previous years. Del added there were 1,031,122 group calls and 1,907,828 push to talks (PTTs).	
November Document Reviews	6. Del briefed the High Level Strategy, Emergency Button Activation Policy and Procedure, Site Book Policy and Procedure, Help Desk Policy and Procedure and Subscriber Acceptance Testing Policy and Procedure had all been reviewed.	
	Mr. Scott Stormo stated he still needed to get some numbers to Motorola.	
Separation Study Update	 Del advised the group the Department of Defense (DOD) portion had been completed and at this time, we did not have the State of Alaska (SOA) updates, but they were being 	
	Travis stated they were planning another one in late January or February and that would be the last one before the upgrade.	



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 Mr. Woodall advised they continued to have payment issues with the SOA contract invoicing. He added it is a manual process and it creates significant challenges. Mr. Woodall stated they need to get the SOA financial management folks to meet with the financial management folks in contracting this month or early January and get this resolved. 	
2. Mr. Woodall briefed the DOD needed to report to Motorola that the money is obligated or send to the Defense Finance and Accounting System (DFAS) and the certified funds are available so the upgrade can be executed contractually. He added the agencies need to provide a document stating they have received the funds and they are available no later than December 31. Mr. Woodall stated Eielson's money is already at DFAS but JBER funds were held up because the Air Force went back to get the funds for Clear. He added if the DOD did not certify by December 31, Motorola could delay the upgrade.	
Scott asked if the Operations Management Office (OMO) contract was being worked and Mr. Woodall stated the State already has a contract with Wostmann and the DOD had participated in the source selection, so the agencies need to get the invoices and payments processed.	
3. Mr. Woodall stated the DOD would be replacing 200 of their XTS5000 radios out of the deployable comms at a rate of 50 per year and would be turning them into Defense Reutilization Management Office (DRMO). He added he would let everyone know when that began.	
Discussion	Action Items Assigned
1. Ms. Shafer advised the group Mr. John Rockwell had been re-elected to the Chair position and Mr. Nate Skinner had been re-elected to the Vice Chair position for 2019.	
Bruce asked if FirstNet had been used during the earthquake.	
Mr. Rockwell stated it had and he had asked for an AAR from FirstNet. He advised there were three sites down in Anchorage for a brief period due to power outages.	
Scott stated he was surprised the cell system continued to work as well as it did based on prior experiences during natural events.	
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New Public Safety Commissioner	John stated from his personal experience, at North Eagle River the calls dropped in between every cell site and there was no service at Eklutna.Del asked the council members to talk to their agencies and see how the System worked for them.3. Mr. Woodall asked who the new DPS Commissioner was 	
Next meeting	Discussion	
	John stated the next regularly scheduled meetings are January 2 and February 6, 2019.	
Adjournment	Discussion	
	John asked if there were any other discussion and hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion: Adjourn the December monthly User Council meeting. Motion: Mr. David Gibbs Second: Mr. Chris Martin	
	There were no objections. The motion passed .	
	The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.	