

Talking Points

Alaska Interoperable Communications

Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR)



Delta Junction



Wolcot Mountain

From the Commissioner, Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs

The successful implementation of Governor Frank H. Murkowski's vision for providing interoperable communication for Alaska's first responders continues.

Commissioner Scott Nordstrand's (Dept. of Administration) appointment of ALMR Program Manager, Mike Callahan, to be Director of Enterprise Technology is another important step. This will ensure a smooth transition of the ALMR system from implementation to operations and maintenance.

Dr. Ken Jones, ALMR Deputy Program Manager, will continue to execute the elements of the transition plan in the ALMR Program Office.

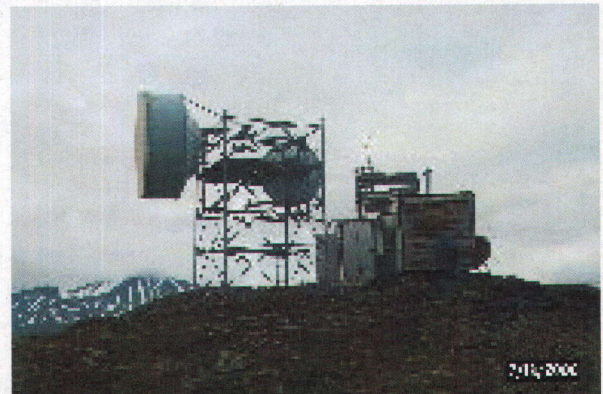
The initial build plan for the 2006 construction year has been developed. A more detailed description is included in this newsletter. The Program Office is also working on the initial documentation for certifying the ALMR



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system based on the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association.

All of these activities, in conjunction with the work being done by the Users Council, underscore the momentum building behind the ALMR program.



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From The ALMR Program Office

The Joint Program Office is preparing for another high intensity construction season. The initial build plan has been developed.

The five sites that were weathered out during 2005 will be completed this year. Twelve additional sites will be constructed to provide coverage for the remainder of the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island. North of Fairbanks, a site will be installed to support the NOAA facility.

Subject to the receipt of additional funding and the availability of installation teams, the sites in Southeast Alaska from Haines and Skagway to Ketchikan will also be completed this year.

The final build plan will be prepared for submission to the ALMR Executive Council, following the site design review, in March.

The second major initiative underway in the Program Office is the preparation of the documentation for compliance of the ALMR system with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for the installation, maintenance, and use of

emergency services communications.

This certification of the ALMR system is essential for many of the fire departments in the state because it directly affects the fire insurance rates for individual and commercial property owners. For example, in the Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service District, the drop of one increment in the overall certification score would result in an estimated \$9 million increase in insurance costs for property owners.

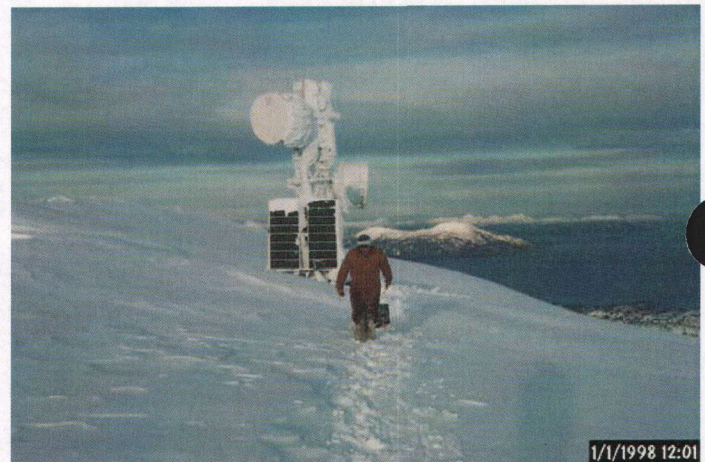
The Program Office is currently reviewing the requirements established in the NFPA 1221 Standard. The initial assessment is being conducted with the active support of Chief Jack Krill, Jr. (Mat-Su Fire Department) and Trygve Erickson with the Municipality of Anchorage.

The draft compliance review document will be sent to fire chiefs throughout the state for review and comment. After the comment period the revised draft will be coordinated with the national Insurance Services Office (ISO) and the ISO Inspector for Alaska.

The final documentation will be provided to the ALMR Users Council for review and submission to the ALMR Executive Council for action.



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From The User Council—The User Council is Operational

At the February 8th meeting, the User Council Charter that was approved by the Executive Council was presented to the ALMR user community. The Charter establishes a 12 person Council that offers recommendations to the Executive Council. The User Council will eventually guide the work of the ALMR General Manager.

At the February meeting, regional representatives were elected.

Northern Region: Deputy Chief Brad Johnson of Fairbanks Police Dept.

Central Region: Sergeant Tod McGillivray of Soldotna Police Dept.

Appointees to the Council from Dept. of Defense:

SMS Frank Dannals
Ms. Natalie Newman
MSGT William Mitchell.

Appointees from the State of Alaska:

DOT - Mr. Ocie Adams
DMVA - Mr. Bryan Fisher
AST - Major Matt Leveque

Brad Johnson was elected Vice Chair and Matt Leveque was elected Chair.

The work of the Users Council begins in earnest with the review of the strawman Service Level Agreement (SLA) prepared by the Joint Program Office. This document establishes the level and quality of service that users require from the ALMR system.

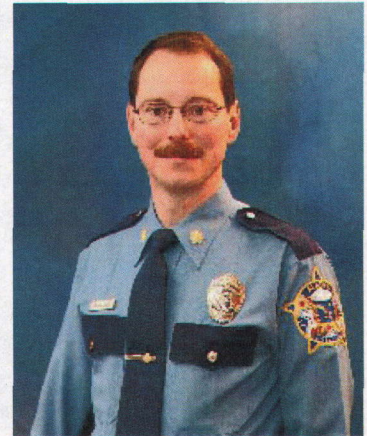
The document is extensive and is therefore being issued in sections for review by the User Council. Sections 1 and 2 of the SLA are descriptions of the ALMR Network Enterprise. This includes all of the technical specifications and descriptions of the system.

Section 3 of the SLA will address the Service Level Requirements that we, as users, will want from the ALMR system. The review and coordination on this portion of the SLA will be extensive. This will also be a strawman document. The Program Office felt that it would be much easier for users to consider and comment on a document that was a 50-80% solution rather than for the Users Council to try to develop a Service Level Agreement from scratch.

Section 4 will be the cost and cost sharing section

of the SLA. Details of this portion of the SLA will need to be worked out across all levels of the DoD, civilian federal, state and local agencies. This is currently anticipated to occur in May.

In addition to the Service Level Agreement the Joint Program Office will be providing the Users Council with a number of other strawman documents that are essential for effective operation of the system. Among these documents are:



Major Matt Leveque

Best Practices
Best Practices and Comparison Matrix
Technology Assessment
Grant Template
Roles and Responsibilities
Implementation Roles and Responsibilities
Quality Plans
Quality Assurance Plan
Risk Management Plan
Security Test & Evaluation Plan
Operational Plans
Concept of Operations
Operations Plan
Selected SOPs (9)
Maintenance Plan
Maintenance Plan
Implementation Plans
Cutover Plans for Valdez and Fairbanks
Dispatch Plans for Valdez and Fairbanks
User Training Plans for Valdez and Fairbanks



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