



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



MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

April 17, 2014

FROM: DOD Executive Co-Chair

SUBJECT: March 20, 2014, ALMR Executive Council Meeting Minutes

TO: See Distribution

Executive Council Members Present:

Colonel Scott Moser	Department of Defense (DOD) - Alaskan Command
Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabec	State of Alaska (SOA) - Department of Public Safety (via teleconference)
ASAC Kevin Donovan	Alaska Federal Executive Association (AFEA) - Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chief Jeff Tucker	Alaska Municipal League (AML) - North Star Volunteer Fire Department (via teleconference)
Lt Ken Spadafora	Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) - Anchorage Police Department

ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:

Mr. Del Smith	Operations Manager, ALMR
Mr. Tim Woodall	DOD ALMR Program Manager
Mr. Max McGrath	Enterprise Technology Services
Mr. Trygve Erikson	Municipality of Anchorage Program Manager (via teleconference)
LTC Glenn Mellor	Alaskan Command (ALCOM) Deputy J6
Mr. Scott Stormo	Enterprise Technology Services (via teleconference)
Ms. Sharon White	Enterprise Technology Services (via teleconference)
Ms. Sherry Shafer	Operations Management Office (via teleconference)

1. **Call to Order.** Colonel Scott Moser, Department of Defense (DOD) Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. **Opening Statements and Other Announcements.** There were no opening statements or special announcements.

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.** Colonel Moser asked the Executive Council (EC) members if they had reviewed the February meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, Colonel Moser proposed the motion for their approval.

Motion: Approve February 20, 2013, Executive Council meeting minutes, as written.

The motion to accept the minutes was made by Colonel Moser and seconded by Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kevin Donovan. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

4. **Old Business.**

a. System Upgrade Assistance (SUA) II. Colonel Moser advised the council there was no additional information to present at this time.

Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabec stated there was no change in the status for the State funds and they would be pursuing capital funding to cover the future costs.

Mr. Woodall stated during the next contract cycle, the DOD would be seeking to do a similar contract.

b. AFEA replacement Co-Chair. Colonel Moser stated the Executive Council had received the letter from the AFEA appointing ASAC Donovan as the representative and requested the item be **closed**.

c. Transportable Communications System Memorandum of Agreement (MoA). Colonel Moser advised the council since the last meeting he had been working with two individuals at the base legal office who were doing research regarding this issue.

5. **User Council Update.**

NOTE: Major Matt Leveque was out of state and unavailable for the meeting. Mr Del Smith, Operations Manager, provided the update on behalf of Major Leveque.

a. Vacant SOA-All Others User Council position. Mr. Smith advised the council members, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs had nominated Mr. Greg Eubank to fill the vacant State of Alaska-All Others alternate position on the User Council. He presented the following motion for consideration.

Motion: Approve the nomination by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for appointment of Mr. Greg Eubank as the alternate State of Alaska - All Others representative to the ALMR User Council.

Colonel Moser asked if there were any objections to the proposed nominee. Hearing none, Colonel Moser proposed the motion as written and it was seconded by Deputy Commissioner Vrabec. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

b. Next sites for upgrade. Mr. Smith briefed the User Council had voted at their March 5 meeting on the next sites for capacity upgrade based on agreed upon recommendations from both the Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and the ALMR System Management and Operations Management Offices.

He advised the selected sites were Willow Mountain, Glennallen, Tok and Tolsona; the Cottonwood site would also be upgraded if there was equipment available.

Colonel Moser asked if the repeaters were available or was the User Council counting on the equipment from the site removed from Clear.

Mr. Smith stated the User Council was not looking at the Clear equipment but possibly some channels from Fire Station 12, some spares in stock and some additional equipment from the recently removed 800MHz site at Atwood, which would need to be converted to VHF.

Mr. Smith also advised the council there was some on-going discussion of replacing some of the Quantars with GTR 6-packs, as well, which would also free up more equipment for use.

6. Operations Management Office.

a. Subscriber Audit Inventory Status. Mr. Smith briefed the council that 96 of the 119 agencies on the System had completed and returned their inventory confirmation forms. He stated the Operations Management Office had been talking with those larger agencies that required extra time due to the number of subscribers they owned, but expected all the agencies to respond by mid April.

Mr. Smith advised the council he would update them at their May meeting if there were any agencies that were still non-compliant at that time.

b. February System Metrics. Mr. Smith went over the System statistics from the previous month and stated there were no surprises as historically the counts in February normally dropped off some.

c. Motorola presentation. Mr. Smith advised the council he had requested a Motorola provide a presentation on Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI)/ Console Subsystem Interface (CSSI) because agencies were looking at the ability to utilize other manufacturer's console when it came time to replace their current equipment.

Mr. Max McGrath stated there is a financial forklift operation to upgrade in the not too distant future. He advised the agencies and System maintainers are looking at the security risks and support issues with utilizing multiple vendors, as well as exploring the risks and benefits of other than Motorola vendor equipment.

7. New Business.

a. Infrastructure Maintenance Contract. Mr. Woodall briefed the council the maintenance contract expires in July 2016 and currently the State owns 88 percent of the infrastructure while the DOD owns 12 percent. Due to this recent change in ownership percentages and a recent law/policy allowing the sharing of services with State and local governments, the DOD is looking into having one contract with the State similar to what they currently do for the OMO contract.

Mr. Woodall stated they are running it through legal channels to get a ruling on the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement for services as long as they can leverage the same levels of quality assurance/quality control the DOD currently has. He advised there were still some Federal receipt authority questions and other information they needed to explore.

Colonel Moser advised his office would be meeting with the contracting office to discuss this simpler, more effective approach

Mr. Woodall also briefed there is now a one and a half year timeframe required to complete the contract award process if this avenue does not work.

Mr. McGrath stated ETS is also studying the options for partial in-sourcing or fully in-sourcing the maintenance.

b. SOA Budget Hearings. Deputy Commissioner Vrabec advised the council he had been attending the Legislative Budget hearings and had not heard much talk about the recent audit. He stated the Department of Administration had provided strong support regarding ALMR and how much we need the System and for the moment there doesn't seem to be any pushback.

c. Long-term Evolution (LTE) and land mobile radio (LMR). Mr. Woodall stated he understood the State has been looking at FirstNet LTE data for now but wondered if they had plans for voice at some point.

Mr. McGrath stated LMR is not going away. He advised the State is interested in finding out what the Federal agencies want with regard to LTE but they will have to conduct studies and look at all the pros and cons.

Mr. McGrath also advised he had recently attended the FirstNet Western States Conference with Major Leveque and from a technology perspective it was very interesting. He briefed the State has a very clear understanding that LMR is mission-critical voice and LTE is data. Mr. McGrath stated during testimony at the conference an

example of utilizing a telephone for voice and computer for data was presented as an eloquent way to demonstrate the difference of how LMR and LTE are not the same.

Mr. Woodall stated the Legislature and senior DOD leadership would probably have similar questions so he could arrange for briefings on the subject if required.

Colonel Moser advised it would probably be wise to do another briefing session this summer.

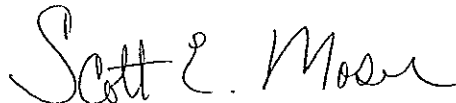
8. Next Meeting. Colonel Moser briefed the next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2014, 1:30 p.m. at the Department of Public Safety Training/Conference Room, 5700 E Tudor Road.

9. Adjourn Meeting. Colonel Moser asked if there were any other items for discussion. Hearing none, he provided the motion to adjourn.

Motion: Adjourn the March monthly Executive Council meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colonel Moser and seconded by ASAC Donovan. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.



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