



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



MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

September 24, 2015

FROM: SOA Executive Co-Chair

SUBJECT: August 20, 2015, ALMR Executive Council Meeting Minutes

TO: See Distribution

Executive Council Members Present:

Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabec

State of Alaska (SOA) – Department of Public Safety (DPS) (via teleconference)

Colonel Harold Hoang

Department of Defense (DOD) – Alaskan Command (ALCOM)/J6

ASAC David Condo

Alaska Federal Executive Association – Federal Bureau of Investigation

Lt Ken Spadafora

Municipality of Anchorage – Anchorage Police Department

ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:

Mr. Del Smith

Operations Manager, ALMR

Deputy Chief Brad Johnson

User Council Chair

Mr. Ocie Adams

User Council Vice Chair

Mr. Jim Bates

Director, Enterprise Technology Services (ETS)

Mr. Scott Stormo

ETS SATS/ALMR Manager

Mr. Tim Woodall

DOD ALMR Program Manager

Mr. Trygve Erickson

Municipality of Anchorage AWARN Manager

Mr. John Rockwell

DPS, 911 Coordinator

Mr. Jim Steele

Enterprise Technology Services

Ms. Sherry Shafer

Operations Management Office (via teleconference)

1. Call to Order. Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabec, State of Alaska (SOA) Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

2. Opening Statements and Other Announcements. Deputy Commissioner Vrabec asked the group if there were any announcements. There were none.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Deputy Commissioner Vrabec asked the Executive Council (EC) members if they had reviewed the July meeting minutes and had any comments.

Hearing no comments, Deputy Commissioner Vrabec requested a motion for their approval.

Motion: Approve the July 16 Executive Council meeting minutes, as presented.

The motion was made by Colonel Harold Hoang and seconded by Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) David Condo. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

4. Old Business.

a. Service Level Agreement (SLA). Deputy Commissioner Vrabec asked Mr. Tim Woodall if there was any update on this item and he stated it had been signed by Colonel Hoang on behalf of the Department of Defense (DOD) organizations.

b. MotoBridge® Gateway future funding. Mr. Woodall noted there was no change status of this item and recommended it be closed. There were no objections from the other council members. This item is now **CLOSED**.

c. OMO/SMO FY17 Budget. Mr. Del Smith advised the council this would be covered during his discussion points.

d. Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICPs). Mr. Woodall advised there was nothing else to offer on these but suggested they be added to the budget document.

5. User Council Update.

a. System Impact Document. Deputy Chief Brad Johnson briefed the Executive Council members that the User Council had formed a working group to put together an information paper targeted at the cooperative decision makers. He explained the subject matter covered the potential impacts to the member agencies and the State should the funding shortfall continue. Deputy Chief Johnson advised the document was still in draft and required a bit more work.

Deputy Commissioner Vrabec asked if it would be ready by the next meeting and Deputy Chief Johnson replied "definitely."

b. User Council Vacancies. Deputy Chief Johnson stated there had been no change since the July meeting. He explained the Department of Public Safety (DPS) vacancies were the most concerning and although Mr. John Rockwell had been attending the meetings he would like to request DPS see what they could do.

Deputy Commissioner Vrabec stated they didn't want to just bounce someone in but when things stabilized at DPS, he could make it happen.

6. Operations Management Office.

a. Birch Hill Master Site. Mr. Smith briefed the council that a task order (TO) was being issued Friday to install the new battery plant but the work would take four to six weeks to complete. He stated Doyon Utilities had advised him they were moving ahead and taking down the transformer on August 25 regardless.

Mr. Woodall explained from the Army's side, it was not something they could delay.

Colonel Hoang offered to work with Eielson transportation to see if they could deploy the Transportable Area North (TAN) to the master site for a source of backup power, if needed.

b. Annual Membership Renewals. Mr. Smith advised the council the Manley Hot Springs and Eielson agreements had been received but they were still waiting on the Army and the 673rd Air Base Wing.

c. FY17 Operations Management Office (OMO)/System Management Office (SMO) Budget. Mr. Smith stated this would be discussed in conjunction with the end-of-life issues under New Business.

d. July System Metrics. Mr. Smith noted there were no surprises, both calls and busies had dropped significantly after the fires were contained.

e. ALMR Misinformation. Mr. Smith briefed the council that he was advised that during a recent meeting of Interior legislators, Representative Guttenberg had stated something to the effect of "when are we going to shut this thing down; it's bleeding us dry and it doesn't work." He stated he would be contacting the representative's office on Monday to discuss the misperceptions regarding the System.

Deputy Commissioner Vrabec advised that DPS was working on a white paper which emphatically stated they had to have the System. He also noted the Governor's office was well aware of the challenges and was not going to let it fall apart.

7. New Business.

ALMR System Lifecycle. Mr. Woodall noted there was a \$1.1M deficit in the State's FY15 budget for ALMR. He briefed that the User Council had agreed to maintain a regular upgrade cadence and that the System was due to upgrade in 2017 to software platform 7.17.

Mr Woodall advised the Gold Elite® consoles on the System would no longer work after the 7.14 platform, the XTS/XTL subscribers would no longer be supported with maintenance after 2017 and the Quantars®, which were 30-year old technology, would no longer be supported after 2025. He explained the SOA and Department of Defense (DOD) were looking at approximately \$4.7M for the subscriber replacements alone. Mr. Woodall briefed that was why he was recommending there be a motion to amend the FY17 OMO/SMO Budget to include the timelines for the upcoming equipment end of life. He stated he wanted to ensure the budget document would provide an accurate picture of what ALMR is facing.

Deputy Commissioner Vrabec asked Mr. Jim Bates what he was hearing from his commissioner regarding the future budgets.

Mr. Bates advised the group what he was hearing concerned him. He stated education to the commissioners and the legislature has to happen because there are no capital dollars at all. Mr. Bates stated an education campaign needs to address the cost value of the System, benchmarks against other states and recommended revenue streams.

Deputy Commissioner Vrabec agreed that the group really needed to get the legislators to understand.

Mr. Scott Stormo advised that Motorola™ has a program to pay out over a ten-year time frame.

Mr. Woodall stated that process could be more expensive than a capital project.

Mr. Bates briefed that DOA was looking at Cisco financing over a five year period for their information technology (IT) equipment because they no longer have capital dollars.

Deputy Commissioner Vrabec advised that their fight was not over yet and he'd like to get with Mr. Bates to brainstorm. He agreed that the numbers needed to be cleaned up for the future EOL issues and added to the budget.

Mr. Woodall noted the numbers needed to be thoroughly scrubbed and lined up with the "must fund by what year." He stated it was a reasonable to plan to fund by year the System Upgrade Assistance (SUA), System Update Services (SUS) and consoles are the first issues that need to be addressed. Mr. Woodall recommended that going forward, the budget needs to reflect all the costs.

He offered the following motion for the consideration of the council:

Motion: Current draft FY17 OMO/SMO Budget to be amended to show the lifecycle cost projections for System sustainment.

Colonel Hoang stated he was in agreement.

Deputy Commissioner Vrabec asked the council if they had any objections or comments regarding this action. Hearing none he requested a motion be made.

The motion was made by Colonel Harold Hoang as offered and seconded by Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) David Condo. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

Mr. Smith offered for the group that he was just at the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) meeting and the Ohio MARCS representative had advised they had locked in their costs for updates every two years through 2028. He stated that ALMR definitely had to explore some funding alternatives.

8. Next Meeting. Deputy Commissioner Vrabec briefed the next meeting is scheduled for September 17, at 1:30 p.m. at 5900 E Tudor Road in the Enterprise Technology Services Conference Room.

Colonel Hoang advised the group he had a conflict, as he would be out of state. He stated if the meeting could be slipped one week, to the 24th, that would work for his schedule. The other council members noted the new date should also work for them.

Mr. Smith stated the OMO would check into rescheduling the meeting and advise the council.

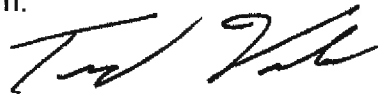
9. Adjourn Meeting. Deputy Commissioner Vrabec asked if there were any other items for the council's discussion.

Hearing no comments, Deputy Commissioner Vrabec offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Adjourn the August monthly Executive Council meeting.

The motion was seconded by Colonel Hoang. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.



Terry Vrabec, Deputy Commissioner DPS
State of Alaska Co-Chair
ALMR Executive Council

Distribution:

SOA DPS, Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabec

ALCOM/J6, Colonel Harold Hoang

FBI, ASAC Dave Condo

MOA, Lt Ken Spadafora

AML, Ms. Linda Murphy

SOA ETS, Mr. Jim Bates

ALCOM/J60, LTC Glenn Mellor

SOA ETS, Mr. Scott Stormo

ALCOM/J64, Mr. Timothy Woodall

OMO, Mr. Del Smith

MOA, Mr. Trygve Erickson