



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



MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

October 20, 2016

FROM: DOD Executive Co-Chair

SUBJECT: September 29, 2016, ALMR Executive Council Meeting Minutes

TO: See Distribution

Executive Council Members Present:

Colonel Harold Hoang	ALCOM/J6
Assistant Special Agent in Charge David Condo	Alaska Federal Executive Association /Federal Bureau of Investigation
Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer	State of Alaska – Department of Public Safety
A/ASAC Kurt Ormberg	Alaska Federal Executive Association /Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ms. Linda Murphy	Alaska Municipal League (AML)
Captain Dave Koch	Municipality of Anchorage – Anchorage Police Department

ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:

LTC Dean Denter	ALCOM Deputy J6
Mr. Ocie Adams	User Council Chair (via teleconference)
Mr. Del Smith	Operations Manager
Mr. Jim Steele	Enterprise Technology Services (via teleconference)
Mr. Tim Woodall	DOD ALMR Program Manager
Mr. John Rockwell	Department of Public Safety
Ms. Sherry Shafer	Operations Management Office (via teleconference)

1. Call to Order. Colonel Harold Hoang, Department of Defense (DOD) Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and the roll call was read.

2. Opening Statements and Other Announcements.

a. Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer thanked Colonel Hoang and his staff for hosting the Executive Council for the tour and demonstration of the transportable system prior to the meeting.

b. Colonel Hoang introduced Lieutenant Colonel Dean Denter as his new Deputy J6. He stated LTC Denter had been previously assigned as the commander of the 59th Signal Battalion and as the US Army-Alaska G6 so his name would probably be familiar to quite a few people.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Colonel Hoang asked the Executive Council (EC) members if they had reviewed the August meeting minutes and if they had any changes. Hearing none, he requested a motion for their approval.

Motion: Approve the August 17 Executive Council meeting minutes as written.

The motion was made by Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer and seconded by Colonel Hoang. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

4. Old Business.

a. FY17 Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance Services (IOMS) Contract Execution. Mr. Tim Woodall stated contract had been awarded to Motorola® Solutions with Bering Straits Information Technology LLC (BSIT) as the subcontractor. He advised it was a two-year contract with eight options years. Mr. Woodall also briefed that the execution of funds from the Department of Defense (DOD) to the State of Alaska (SOA) had been worked out and SOA had received the total funds for the first year from the DOD.

Colonel Hoang stated this was a win-win situation for the team as a whole.

Mr. Woodall advised this item could probably be closed at this time.

Colonel Hoang agreed and directed this item be **CLOSED**.

b. ALMR Twitter Account. Mr. Del Smith advised the documents were before the User Council for their approval and if approved would be presented to the Executive Council for their approval at their October meeting.

Mr. Jim Steele advised the council members the account was now active, but nothing had been posted yet. He also stated the McHugh Creek fire and the events surrounding it were the catalyst for getting the account in place and requested the guidance documents be attached to the minutes and the feed link be provided. (https://twitter.com/ALMR_SOA)

He briefed the guidelines and policy had been provided to Ms. Minta Montalbo at the State, as she was appointed to review all social media accounts after a mishap with the account belonging to the Department of Health and Social Service.

Mr. Smith stated the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) video could also be put on the feed as a link so others could get an idea what ALMR was about.

5. User Council Update.

User Council Vacancies. Mr. Ocie Adams advised the council he had received a nomination to fill the Municipalities-Central alternate position and offered the following motion for the council's consideration.

Motion: Approve the appointment of Chief Bob Cicciarella, Kachemak Emergency Services, as the alternate Municipalities-Central representative to the ALMR User Council

There were no objections to the nomination and Colonel Hoang made the motion as offered. Deputy Commissioner Comer seconded. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

Mr. Adams stated vacancies remained for the alternate Southeast-Municipalities position, both the primary and alternate US Army-Alaska (USARAK) positions, the primary Federal Non-DOD US Forest Service position and the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) alternate position.

6. Operations Management Office.

a. FY18 OMO/SMO Budget. Mr. Smith stated the Operations Management Office (OMO) had received the contract figures yesterday and was diligently working on the budget document. He also noted that the updated pricing on System Upgrade Assistance II had been received from Mr. Dwayne Sakumoto, Motorola Solutions®, which covered both the move to the 7.15 platform and the 7.17 platform. Mr. Smith noted the 7.15 platform software would resolve the issue the MCC7500 issue.

Deputy Commissioner Comer stated he was interested in the technology and what did it mean.

Mr. Smith advised that over-the-air programming (OTAP) was available starting at the 7.15 platform which meant the System would have the ability to recognize authorized subscribers needing updates to the internal software and automatically push them out.

Mr. Woodall added that the newer platforms also provide a redundant capability between the controllers and there would be an automatic switchover without losing any communications capability.

Mr. Woodall explained if we updated the software, then it would be an additional four to five years before the System would need to be updated again. He also stated that the

advancements to the newer platforms provided a better cyber defense capability. Mr. Woodall also pointed out if the funding was flattened across and installments were paid every two years, from a cost perspective it is cheaper and the System stays in the green zone. He stated the longer we (ALMR) go between updates, the more expensive it gets to bring it into compliance.

Mr. Woodall briefed the number of sites currently on the System is almost at capacity and we are reaching an area of inability to add more sites; under the new technology this capacity would be increased.

Deputy Commissioner Comer requested this item be kept on the agenda and moved under Old Business.

b. FY16 Membership Agreements. Mr. Smith stated the current 90-day extension expires on September 30 and since the OMO had just received the cost figures, there was not enough time to calculate cost allocations and insert them in all the FY17 membership agreements before the time ran out. He requested the council approve an additional 30-day extension and offered the following motion for their consideration.

Motion: Approve an additional 30-day extension of the FY16 ALMR membership agreements for all agencies operating on the System.

The motion was made by Colonel Hoang and seconded by Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

c. Cost Share Working Group. Mr. Smith advised the council the State had requested the current method and approach for the cost share allocations for the non-infrastructure owners be re-looked at. He requested permission to convene a Cost Share Working Group with their approval via a motion.

Motion: Approve formation of a Cost Share Working Group to be facilitated by the Operations Management Office to review the current method of cost allocations from the non-infrastructure owners.

Mr. Woodall stated the Federal Non-DOD agencies and the municipalities were to negotiate independently with the SOA, per the Cost Share Cooperative Agreement.

The motion was **TABLED** at this time for further discussion.

d. New Agencies. Mr. Smith advised the council that Tok Volunteer Fire Department were submitting an application to join ALMR and Haines Borough Police Department has also requested the application for membership documents.

e. August System Metrics. Mr. Smith briefed the push to talks (PTTs) were down, which is normal for this time of year and there was only an increase in busies by four.

7. New Business.

a. House Bill 256, Request for Information (RFI). Mr. Woodall request Mr. Steele update the council regarding the SOA RFI for ALMR.

Mr. Steele stated in the current budget the Legislature had inserted language that the Department of Administration (DOA) was to submit an RFI for replacement of the ALMR System with an alternative, more reliable system. He noted DOA had until the end of the calendar year to provide the Legislature with any ideas.

Mr. Steele advised the draft had been sent to Deputy Commissioner Boucher and Commissioner Fisher today. He also pointed out it was a best value RFI with past performance solution to be provided by any respondents by October 31. Mr. Steele briefed that SOA was not guaranteeing any award and if there were no responses, they would readdress it with the Legislature.

b. SOA Console Upgrades. Mr. Steele advised the council that earlier today, the contract to replace 12 SOA-owned consoles had been signed. He stated the Gold Elites were now past their end of life and the consoles in the 9-1-1 dispatch center, four in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), one at the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and one at the Department of Administration were all being replaced with the MCC7500. The total cost was \$1.7M in unrestricted General Funds and SOA had received a \$470K discount from Motorola® for moving quickly and getting the contract signed. Mr. Steele briefed this requirement had been previously validated by the Governor in the 2016 supplemental budget and that Deputy Commissioner Comer had a lot to do with the success of getting this funded.

c. November Alaska Municipal League (AML) Meeting. Deputy Commissioner Comer noted the AML was holding their annual meeting in November at the Captain Cook Hotel and it would be a good idea to look into getting a table or a booth there to talk about ALMR. He stated it was an excellent opportunity to educate community leaders and those we serve about what the System is and what it provides.

Ms. Linda Murphy stated she would talk to Kathy (Wasserman) to see how far along the scheduling for the meeting was.

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked if she would be the emissary for the Executive Council because even having just a booth with posters and having people available to talk about ALMR would be valuable.

Ms. Murphy stated she would find out and sent him an email.

d. Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge (A/ASAC) Kurt Ormberg introduced himself to the group as the temporary replacement for ASAC David Condo, who has changed jobs. He advised the council that Mr. Bill Kaizer was under consideration to permanently fill the position.

A/ASAC Ormberg also requested some outreach regarding obtaining a comprehensive list, if one is available, of all ALMR-capable channels.

8. Next Meeting. Colonel Hoang briefed the next meeting is scheduled for October 20, at 1:30 p.m. at 5900 E Tudor Road in the Enterprise Technology Services Conference Room. He noted that ALCOM would be involved in an exercise, but he would ensure there was representation at the meeting.

9. Adjourn Meeting. Colonel Hoang asked if there were any other items for the council's discussion.

Hearing no comments, Colonel Hoang requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Adjourn the September monthly Executive Council meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Harold Hoang Colonel, USAF
Alaskan Command/J6
ALMR Executive Council

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