



*ALMR User Council
Meeting Minutes*

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1. Attendance.

P = Present	T = Telephone/Teams	E = Excused	U = Unexcused	N/A = Not required
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User Council Members

Primary				
T	Adams	Nathan	Mr.	DoW USAF, Eielson AFB
U	Atkinson	Ross	Mr.	Federal Non-DoW DOI, BLM-Alaska Fire Service
T	Berrian	Keith	Deputy Chief	Muni-North, Chena Goldstream Fire & Rescue
T	De Hart	Kaitlyn	Ms.	DoW USAF, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
T	Goggia-Cockrell	Tammy	Ms.	Municipalities Central, Vice Chair
T	Kalwara	Erann	Ms.	Municipalities Southeast, Juneau PD
T	Kroona	Jon	Mr.	Federal Non-DoW DOJ, FBI
T	Nelsen	Scott	Mr.	SOA All Others, DMVA
E	Nelson	James	Officer	Federal Non-DoW All Others, US Forest Service
N/A	VACANT			SOA DPS, 911 Coordinator
T	Shumpert	Amber	Ms.	SOA DOT
U	Smith	Eric	Mr.	DoW US Army - Alaska

Alternate				
N/A	Brown	David	Mr.	Fed Non-DoW DOJ, FBI
T	Carter	Bobby	Mr.	Federal Non-DoW All Others, TSA
T	Cole	Henry	Mr.	SOA DOT
N/A	Dante	Ray	SSgt	DoD USAF, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
N/A	Draves	Kayla	MSgt	DoD USAF, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
T	Edwards	Karl	Mr.	DHS, SOA All Others
E	Endres	Benjamin	Lieutenant	SOA DPS
N/A	Green	Kyle	Fire Marshal	Municipalities North, University Fire Department
N/A	Goodman	Jim	Mr.	Municipalities Central, MatSu Borough
N/A	Guetaloreto	Christian	SSgt	DoW USAF, Eielson AFB
U	Higginbotham	Dave	MSgt	DoW US Army - Alaska
N/A	Roberts	Nathan	TSgt	DoW USAF, Eielson AFB
U	Barry-Garland	Eli	Mr.	Federal Non-DoW DOI, BLM-Alaska Fire Service
E	Overmyer	Zachary	Chief	Municipalities Southeast

Supporting Staff and Guests

T	Ball	Mark	Mr.	Seldovia Village Tribe
P	Burnham	Mary	Ms.	Operations Management Office (OMO)
P	Fahnestock	Nikalus	Mr.	Systems Manager - SMO
P	Fussey	Paul	Mr.	Operations Manager - OMO
T	Groves	Brittany	Ms.	Guardian Flight
T	Kusche	Kara	Ms.	SOA Department of Environmental Conservation
T	Marlow	Ryan	Mr.	SOA Department of Transportation (DOT)
T	Merkouris	Paul	Mr.	BK Technologies



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P	Neuman	Mark	Mr.	AWARN
P	Richter	Bruce	Mr.	DHS CISA
T	Roberts	Lori	Ms.	City of Delta Junction
T	Rockwell	John	Mr.	SOA – SWIC
T	Scott	Kelley	Ms.	Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
P	Stormo	Scott	Mr.	SOA - APSCS Manager
T	Summers	Peter	Mr.	University of Alaska Anchorage – Police Dept.
T	Thometz	Tim	Mr.	icom America
T	Wayland	Bradley	Mr.	TSA
T	Wight	Clinton	Mr.	IRS
T	Wiley	Naomi	Ms.	Motorola Solutions

2. Meeting Minutes and Action Items.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items Assigned
Call to Order	<p>The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM.</p> <p>Mr. Paul Fussey asked Ms. Tammy Goggia-Cockrell for her permission to speak about the changes for this meeting, which Tammy responded that Paul could go ahead.</p> <p>Paul thanked everyone and stated that he is the Operations Manager for ALMR. He noted that for this meeting Tammy, the current Vice-Chair of the User Council, would be running the meeting and that Mr. John Rockwell, who was the User Council Chair, has been promoted to Co-Chair of the Executive Council. Paul stated that John will be standing in at the User Council meetings as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and Tammy, as the Vice-Chair, will be running the meetings. He thanked Tammy.</p>	
Roll Call	<p>Tammy asked Ms. Mary Burnham to read the roll call.</p> <p>Roll call was presented by Mary and she stated that at this time there was a quorum.</p> <p>Mr. Bobby Carter and Mr. Peter Summers joined the meeting after the roll was taken.</p> <p>Tammy thanked Mary.</p>	
Introduction of Guests and Special Announcements	<p>Tammy asked if there were any special guests, hearing none, she stated that the council could move on to the approval of the April meeting minutes.</p>	



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<p>Previous Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Tammy stated that hopefully everybody had a chance to review the April meeting minutes and asked if there were any requested changes at this time. She commented that, hearing none, she would entertain a motion to approve the April 2026 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Motion: Approve the April 1, 2026, monthly User Council meeting minutes.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Mark Ball</p> <p>Second: Deputy Chief Keith Berrian</p> <p>Tammy asked if there were any objections or further discussion regarding the April minutes, and stated that hearing none, the motion passed.</p>	
<p>Issues & Risks Log</p>	<p>Review</p>	<p>Resolution</p>
	<p>Tammy stated that she was moving on to the Issues and Risks Log, and asked Mr. Paul Fussey if he could please review the Issues and Risks Log.</p> <p>Paul briefed that the only thing in the Issues and Risks Log was getting a secondary representative for the Southeast Representative position. He noted that Ms. Erann Kalwara has been very helpful, and the Operations Management Office (OMO) and Erann have been working on it. Paul stated that the paperwork is going around to get all the signatures that are needed, but tentatively the council has Haynes Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Zachary Obermeyer. He commented that once all the paperwork is done and completed with the signatures, he will have that removed, but that will probably be at June's meeting.</p> <p>Tammy thanked Paul and asked if there were any questions regarding the Issues and Risk Log. She stated that she was moving on to the Action Items.</p>	
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Updates</p>	<p>Action Items Assigned</p>
	<p>Paul briefed that for item number one it will be on there for quite a while. He noted that the Alaska Power Association (APA) and the OMO will work with them. Paul stated that, like he mentioned last month, the APA will get back to the team once they have decided what they want to do, whether they want to join ALMR or if they want to maintain their own system.</p>	



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<p>System Upgrade</p>	<p>Paul commented that, on May 17th, he will be participating in a radio communication forum at the state search and rescue (SAR) symposium at the University of Alaska – Anchorage (UAA). He noted that they asked him to sit in and answer questions on ALMR and also the location on the push to talk for the different SAR groups around the state.</p> <p>Paul briefed that ALMR has a couple agencies that will be leaving ALMR starting July 1st. He noted that they are Mount Sanford, Department of Natural Resources Salcha-Delta district, and Delta Medical Transport. Paul stated that they no longer have radios on the system, and just declined to renew.</p> <p>Paul noted that he and the System Management Office (SMO) worked with L3 Harris and on May 19th, the team will be conducting an acceptance test procedure (ATP) for three of the L3 Harris radios for acceptance on ALMR. He stated that once they are done with the ATP and the radios are approved,, the OMO will put them out on the ALMR website.</p> <p>Paul stated that the Alaska Sustainability Energy Conference is coming up and will be held in Anchorage, May 19th to the 21st. He commented that is on the ALMR website.</p> <p>Paul commented that the State of Alaska is conducting a tabletop cybersecurity exercise on May 26th, and contact the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for more information on that.</p> <p>Paul briefed that the Northwest Motorola Trunk User Group (MTUG) meeting will be held on May 28th.</p> <p>Paul noted that also on May 28th, the monthly Alaska Association of Public-Safety Communications - National Emergency Number Association (APCO-NENA), meeting will be held, so if members go to the website they can take a look at that.</p> <p>Paul stated that Mary and Ms. Rachel Pasag are starting to formalize all the membership agreements to start sending those out.</p> <p>Paul asked if there were any questions before he moved over to the system upgrade, hearing none, he continued on.</p> <p>3. Paul briefed that May 27th through the 28th, he, Nik, Mr. Mark Neuman from Anchorage Wide Area Radio</p>	
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	<p>Network (AWARN) will be conducting the quarterly security update for the system.</p> <p>Paul noted that he and Nik are working through trying to activate some more time-division multiple access (TDMA) talkgroups this month. He stated that ALMR has the Fort Wainwright Range Control now on TDMA. Paul commented that they looked and tried to activate TDMA for another group, however, there were some programming issues. He briefed that he would like to remind everyone, if members want to see if their radios are programmed correctly or if they have the right code plug, just reach out to him and/or Nik and they can do a quick system check for your radio. Paul noted that it is easier for them to do that then when they activate a talkgroup and find out that all the radios have an issue. For example, with that agency, they just tested one of their radios, realized there were some code plug issues, and they are going to go back and fix that before the team works with them to activate their talkgroup for everyone. He stated that task took about 15 minutes and it is a short test, but it saves the agencies a lot of problems when they have different programming.</p>	
<p>April Document Reviews</p>	<p>4. Paul briefed that the Employee Termination policy and procedure; Facility Security Penetration policy and procedure; Emergency Operations policy and procedure; System Change Request Management policy and procedure; Outage Reporting policy and procedure, and the Membership Agreement, have all been updated through April.</p> <p>Paul asked if there were any questions before he moved to the metrics.</p>	
	<p>5. Paul briefed that on our system metrics, for calls, ALMR had 1,858,358; push-to-talks were 2,833,645; and the busies are way down, where the team likes to see them, at 353. He noted that the monthly sites below three nines were eight, and the sites below three nines were: Heney Range from a commercial circuit and some bad weather; Nik's team has been pretty busy conducting preventative maintenance inspections (PMIs) on Birch Hill, Pillar Mountain, plus power maintenance. Scott's team was working on the microwave backhaul for, Quarry Hill, Sitka, Tok, and Woman's Bay; and Auke Lake had a tower failure and he will let Mr. Scott Stormo go into that a little bit more with his report.</p> <p>Paul pointed out that the subscriber counts by agency in zones one, two, and four, and then that the total number of subscriber units had gone up a little bit to 31,953. He</p>	



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<p>Other Items</p>	<p>noted that ALMR has added some radios for members, but they are working with some agencies to get their subscriber requests in to drop those numbers. Paul stated that he appreciates everybody who has been keeping up on that.</p> <p>Paul stated that on ALMR website, since the OMO added the videos on there and a few other things were updated, has had 1,116 page views, which is up 78% from last month, which is nice to see. He commented that the team has been promoting the ALMR website quite a bit.</p> <p>Paul asked if there were any questions about the metrics before he moved on, or if there was anything anybody would like to see again.</p> <p>6. Paul briefed that the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, also known as the Whittier Tunnel, had a drill Tuesday, May 5th, which was on the Department of Transportation (DOT) website. He noted that the drill was from noon to two o'clock, and they shut down the Whittier Tunnel to conduct an emergency drill. Paul stated that Nik's team looked at the radio usage from Monday the 4th from noon to two and compared it to Tuesday at noon to two when the drill was being conducted. He commented that the radio traffic for the Portage and Whittier towers doubled from Monday to Tuesday, and looking at it, ALMR had zero busies. Paul noted that with that uptick in radio traffic for that drill, it was good to see the system did not have any issues and it had zero busies. He stated that looking at the DOT website, they are going to be conducting that drill again on the 8th, so the ALMR team will look at that again, but the team is very happy in how the system handled that exercise.</p> <p>Paul noted that Mary's last day is May 29th and this will be her last meeting, then Rachel will be taking over.</p> <p>Paul stated that from May 3rd to the 9th it is National Corrections Office Week.</p> <p>Paul commented that ALMR appreciated Mary's hard work here at the OMO office, getting everything done, and sending out everything, so she is going to be working right up to the last minute as always, and everyone at ALMR really appreciates that.</p> <p>Paul briefed that there were two things he was going to go into. He noted that the first thing is the talkshare agreement form. The OMO and SMO teams have been</p>	
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	<p>working with some agencies to update their talkshare agreements. Paul stated that once they are on file with the team, they will stay current, however, he would like to recommend that agencies look at their talkshare agreements and renew them every five years. He commented that that way agencies know they still agree on channels and frequencies of other agencies they are sharing. Paul noted that the team has been coming across some talkshare agreements that are 12 or 13 years old, and the people who signed them are no longer there. He stated that is what the team recommends, every five years. Paul commented that the agreement form has been updated over the past, where there are conventional and ALMR channels on there, and the form is on our website, which needs to be downloaded, but it is a fillable form. He noted If anyone has any questions on that, reach out to Nik and his team, but the OMO and SMO just wanted to let everybody know that it is good to look at your talkshare agreements and update them if needed.</p> <p>Paul noted that the other item he would like to talk about is the subscriber request form. He stated that with the advent of FedRAMP approval, Nik and his team have added a few other columns that never used to be there. Paul commented that one is OTAP (over-the-air programming), one is location on push-to-talk (LoPTT), and one is SmartConnect. He asked Nik if there was anything he wanted to touch on regarding those three columns.</p> <p>Nik stated that he did, but he will cover it during his time on his aspect of it, because there is one more specifically, the LoPTT that he wants to speak about.</p> <p>Paul asked if anybody had any questions about the talk share agreements or the new subscriber request form, and hearing none, he stated that completes his report.</p> <p>Tammy thanked Paul and asked if there were any questions for the OMO office. She stated the council could move on to the System Management Office.</p>	
<p>System Management Office (SMO)</p>	<p>Mr. Nikalus (Nik) Fahnestock, System Manager</p>	<p>Action Items Assigned</p>



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	<p>Nik briefed that a couple of things he wanted to mention that Paul had already kind of mentioned. He just wanted to get a little bit deeper into talking about the Auke Lake tower, which he knows Scott will also get deeper into that, and dealing with the TDMA/FDMA talkgroups that he and Paul are working to get activated. He noted that he wanted to mention that there are 85 total talkgroups right now that have been enabled with TDMA within the system, which is a pretty good number. It is not anywhere near where he would like it to be, however, they can be done in chunks depending on the agency. Nik stated that one agency might have 20 talkgroups, and that would be a real quick thing, but it is definitely progressing along and they have quite a bit of active talkgroups out there that are enabled.</p> <p>Nik noted that he talks about PMIs and the SMO's schedules all the time in every meeting, and everyone knows that during the summer months, it does pick up. He stated it still has not picked up quite yet, there is still quite a bit of snow on some of the mountains out there. So, when that starts to clear out and/or it becomes feasibly able to fly out there by helicopters, then his team can start actually picking up. Nik commented that he appreciates and wants to thank everyone for being patient with his team.</p> <p>Nik stated that with the Auke Lake tower, which Scott will go into a little more detail, but he has looked at some of the pictures and for the most part, all the internal equipment of the shelter looks like it is okay with no significant damage. He commented that it is mostly just the shelter and the tower itself.</p> <p>Nik commented that with the subscriber request form, the two biggest aspects he wants to talk about is the over-the-air-programming (OTAP) that Paul had mentioned. Currently, APSCS, Scott, and his team are the only people that can access that. He noted that it requires radio management, a connection to the radio management server, which means agencies need to be on the state networks, specifically, unless other feature methods come available. Nik stated that just because agency XYZ wants to utilize it does not necessarily mean that they can due to limitations of either connection to the network and/or the capability at that given time. He commented that the second part of it is the LoPTT, which is becoming more and more popular, both he and Paul are kind of working on a location sharing agreement, which is similar to the talkgroup sharing agreement, they are going to use something with location sharing. Nik noted that an agency can</p>	
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	<p>share their agencies radio locations with another agency, give or take certain variables or questions that may arise, but he just wants to make that clear, that it is still available on the subscriber request form, and is still kind of in the infant stages of how the OMO and SMO will deal with it.</p> <p>Nik stated that was all he had.</p> <p>Tammy thanked Nik and asked if there were any questions for the SMO office. She stated the council could move on to the State of Alaska (SOA) and Department of War (DoW) overviews. Tammy then turned it over to the SOA.</p>	
<p>State of Alaska (SOA)</p>	<p>Mr. Scott Stormo</p>	<p>Action Items Assigned</p>
	<p>Mr. Scott Stormo briefed that in case anybody did not know, there were people that were a contracted tower crew working on the Auke Lake tower, plumbing and tensioning, which essentially is to make sure the guy wires are set for the proper tensions, and plumbing is making sure the tower is straight and at all the right angles, which is influenced by the tension of the guy wires. He noted that in the process of doing that, something happened and the tower ended up on the ground, and nobody was hurt, but the Auke Lake ALMR site is offline, and the state team is working on what the plan going forward will be to do something about that. Scott stated he does not want to say too much more about it at this point, but they pulled coverage maps, which is a software prediction and none of the team in general can speak to maybe what is happening in the real world, but it does not look like it is a big problem for the mobile coverage because the other sites seem to be doing a pretty good job of having some overlap. However, portable wise, there are definitely some places that will no longer have coverage with that tower being down. He commented he does not think he has anything more on that for the moment.</p> <p>Scott noted that he just wants to add a few more things to some of the stuff that Paul and/or Nick had said.</p> <p>Scott stated that Motorola has made some changes with Radio Central, which is their programming in the cloud. He commented that initially, that was how members could program the LTE connected radios, but it now can program Wi-Fi connected radios. Scott asked Nik if it had OTAP on it.</p>	



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	<p>Nik stated he remembers when he was playing with it a little bit and it actually does not appear the radio requires the OTAP feature to do that.</p> <p>Scott commented that he thinks if members have a radio that can be Wi-Fi connected to the internet, which has to be programmed to be able to do that, they can hotspot it off your phone if it is programmed to hotspot off your phone. He noted that if agencies have all the right features, they can use SmartConnect, which is through Radio Central. This is something agencies have to have set up with an account through Motorola, and they would pay an annual license cost per radio, but they can program their radios through that. Scott stated that the initial feeling seems to be a lot more beneficial than what agencies had from the old-fashioned way of using what is relatively new radio management. He commented that he can see over time that becoming a more useful feature for all kinds of people on the system, they technically could program radios, if the radio programmer, like some of the federal agencies who have people in the lower 48 that program their radios, they would not have to touch their radios, they could program them through the Radio Central and save a lot of travel. Scott noted that if agencies have local vendors doing it, in theory, they would be able to program radios through that and do that same type of service.</p> <p>Scott noted that with location on push-to-talk, kind of what Nik was getting at is that right now, if somebody wants an account on that Nik would be the one creating an account, and he kind of needs to have, probably documentation with somebody's signatures and written explanation as to what others are allowed to see or not allowed to see, so that is what the conversation was, it needed some kind of form for that.</p> <p>Scott stated that other than the, upgrades, ongoing projects, the work going on in Juneau, but I'll defer to Juneau to talk more about that. He commented that there is an access console that is going into the Rescue Coordination Center (RCC), which is held up for the moment for the same reason some of the other DoW projects that need finishing off. That is converting to Ethernet, which is currently the T1 backhaul that exists at most of their locations and they need to be converted to Ethernet, one for that access console and two for finishing off the upgrade to get everybody over to Juniper's and 100% to Ethernet.</p>	
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	<p>Scott commented that the one last thing is that the contract the state currently has with Motorola for support, which Bering Straits is a sub-contractor of, is out of option years, so that ends on June 30th, but the state has been engaging with both Motorola and Bering Straits about possibly extending the current contract to provide some more time for a variety of reasons. He noted that they will be having a meeting with government invitees again next week, kind of to talk more about what the requirements and what the scope of those contracts will provide, so interested DoW parties, watch for a calendar invite. Scott stated that if DoW parties want to be invited to it send him an email to add their name to the invite, otherwise, he will pass it on to Mr. Timothy Woodall and he can forward it out to the POCs on the DoW side.</p> <p>Scott stated that was all he had, unless there were any questions.</p> <p>Tammy thanked Scott and asked if there were any questions.</p>	
<p>Department of Defense</p>	<p>Mr. Timothy Woodall</p>	<p>Action Items Assigned</p>
	<p>Mr. Timothy Woodall was not in attendance.</p> <p>Tammy stated that the council could move on to the User Council representative updates and that she would start with the SOA component.</p>	
<p>User Council Representative Reports</p>	<p>Represented Areas</p>	<p>Action Items Assigned</p>
<p>SOA DPS</p> <p>SOA DOT</p> <p>SOA All Others</p>	<p>1. Mr. John Rockwell stated no updates at this time.</p> <p>2. No updates were provided.</p> <p>3. Mr. Scott Nelsen stated he had nothing to report.</p> <p>Mr. Karl Edwards, with Public Health, stated he had nothing else.</p> <p>Ms. Kara Kusche stated nothing from Environmental Conservation.</p>	



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<p>Munis-North</p>	<p>1. Deputy Chief Keith Berrian stated that first he wanted to thank everybody for working to get the coverage maps updated to match a little closer to the geographic boundaries that seem to line up better. He commented that it was a good and quick working session. Keith noted that the other item he has been looking for an update on the system interference problem that they are having here in Fairbanks, and he would like to see if the team could follow up with that and if anything is going to be done going forward. He stated that other than that, he did not have anything else.</p>	
<p>Munis-Southeast</p>	<p>2. Ms Erann Kalwara noted that they were in the middle of their console upgrade take two, and are excited about that. She stated that they are getting ready to roll out double their fleet in Juneau for mobile and portable radios likely this month or next, so they have got a lot going on.</p>	
<p>Munis-Central</p>	<p>3. Tammy asked if Mr. Jim Goodman was present and Mary responded in the negative.</p> <p>Tammy noted that she just wanted to extend her gratitude to Nik, Paul, and the state employees as well. Tammy stated that last week there were three of her team who were up in Anchorage for the day for some training, and they went over to the state radio shop, Alaska Public Safety Communication Service (APSCS), to meet with the ALMR team, as well as with Paul and Nik. She commented that she recognized they were very busy, because that was the day the incident in Juneau occurred, so there were not very many people on the state side of things, but her team got a great tour. Tammy noted that they were there for about an hour, which they appreciated the ALMR teams time and for explaining and showing them everything, demonstrating different things with the new APX radios on the state side, which was Mr. Daniel Woody, and then just everyone for being such a gracious host and giving them the full tour of the facility and what ALMR does, so thank you for that.</p> <p>Tammy briefed that another side note is that the 911 budget for the center that she is responsible for is in the final stages where she will give a presentation to the Borough Assembly and then FY27 will be complete. She noted that in that budget, they have the addition, which is something that has been on the radar on and off for about a dozen years probably, for a radio technician position that will live under the 911 umbrella.</p>	



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	They would be accessible to the fire service areas, and other emergency users within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, so she is very excited about that. Tanny stated that she is just working on the final draft of that job description before she submits it to human resources, so if anybody knows of anyone, spread the word, which the word will be out on the street, hopefully sometime soon. She commented that is the end of her report.	
DoW Eielson	1. Mr. Nathan Adams noted that they were approached by the Air Guard unit on Eielson, who stated that they do not have funding to purchase new radios. He stated that fortunately for the Air Guard, his team has an excess in their shop account, and they are going to be transitioning 200 - APX 6000s over to them. Nathan commented that his team is currently flash upgrading them and hopefully they will have that done in the next few weeks and be able to support the Air Guard with their needs. He stated that was all he had.	
DoW JBER	2. Ms. Kaitlyn De Hart stated she had nothing new at this time.	
DoW US Army Installations	3. No representatives were available to provide an update.	
Federal Non-DoW All Others	1. Mr. Bobby Carter stated he had nothing for the good of the order.	
Federal Non-DoW DOJ	2. Mr. Jon Kroona stated there was nothing from the FBI.	
Federal Non-DoW DOI	3. No representatives were available to provide an update.	
New Business	Discussion	Action Items Assigned
CISA Briefing	Tammy thanked the area representatives and stated she was moving on to New Business. She asked Mr. Richter if he had an item for the agenda before the council moves on to Paul. Mr. Bruce Richter, with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), briefed that there have been a couple of significant cyber alerts on the CISA website that he wanted to call to everyone's attention. He noted that he talked before about the Salt Typhoon threat specifically targeting communication infrastructures, but	



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	<p>the overall threat against critical infrastructure is much more pervasive. Bruce stated that he dropped a link in the meeting chat which is: https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/cybersecurity-advisories/aa26-113a, and it links to an alert or an advisory that has come out from multiple international partners. He commented that he thinks it is worth paying attention to that in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden and the five US cyber agencies, including our partners at the FBI, which all say this is worth paying attention to. Bruce noted that the way the report itself is written that people do not have to speak computer tech to understand what they are trying to get across and they have got some good diagrams. Essentially the spread of widespread networks to deliver malware, to bring back stolen data, to just lay and wait for a time when they want to further an attack is more pervasive than really was understood a year ago. He stated that he calls that to everyone's attention and thinks it is worth understanding how significant that threat is. Bruce commented that people will be seeing and have probably already seen more frequently pushed out software updates to your internet browsers, iPhones, and other communications devices, and those are coming up for a reason because people are becoming aware of some of these vulnerabilities and trying to mitigate it. He noted that then the problem is people apply those updates and maybe some of the apps that they were depending on to get their work done may or may not still function in that new environment. Bruce stated that it is sort of a constant process of upgrading and testing and just being aware of what is going on. He commented that this alert is specific to a Chinese threat, and if members look on the CISA web page for cyber alerts, there is more recent info out there about what Russia has been trying to do. Bruce noted that there is some information about what Iran has been trying, so it is a very heightened threat environment. He stated that he thinks one of the things that is most useful for our Alaska partners is that Mr. Mark Breunig has put together a monthly Alaska Cyber Working Group meeting that is available on Teams, and Paul dials into that and he is not sure who else does, but that is a good forum for sharing what is going on. Bruce commented that if you are not part of that, he encourages everyone to take advantage of it, it is free and usually takes about an hour. Troy Lofven usually puts together a pertinent summary of what is even more critical, all threats, and being aware and being prepared is perhaps the best defense against them.</p>	
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<p>User Council Charter Update</p>	<p>Scott stated that he just wanted to add a quick commentary to that. He commented that the teams have seen a bunch of emails coming in that look very realistic that they are reporting as phishing. Scott noted that a perfect example is diagnostics is a piece of equipment on the system that monitors radios and they had dialogue with them in the last month because one of them was sent in for repair and then they got an email earlier this week from one of the engineers that came from their account. He stated that they had been compromised and sent a very realistic looking email that basically said, "click here for the file," and if it was not for the fact that it had been repeated not to open an attachment. Scott commented that everyone needs to think about whether they are expecting this before they click on a link and they do this by the millions of emails out there, because they send this to 100 million people every week, so there is going to be enough people that this seems logical enough that they will click on it. He noted that people think, "Yes, I was expecting that from my bank, let me click something," and the threat actors only have to be right a few times. Scott stated that it is unfortunately not just emails, but like my personal cell phone that if it does not pop up the name from the contact list, he would let it go to voicemail, which no one ever leaves a voicemail. He commented that at some point, people are going to be spoofing phone numbers, and it is going to look like it is my mom calling when I answer. Scott noted it is really happening and the team has seen a lot of emails coming to us on the state network, so be very careful what you click and delete, even if they were expecting something they might want to start with a phone call to say, "did you actually send this to me?" He stated that it came from the real person's account.</p> <p>Tammy thanked Bruce and Scott and asked if there were any questions.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, they moved on.</p> <p>Paul briefed that the council would be reviewing the changes to the User Council Charter, beginning with the discussion of the old charter, which a working group was previously formed. Paul thanked the working group for getting together quickly to determine what changes needed to be made. Paul stated that after this meeting the old charter would be sent out to members, along with the new one, so that membership could compare and vote. Paul stated that the changes to the charter are substantial and will need to be voted upon. Paul stated that the user council charter is required to be</p>	
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	<p>reviewed periodically, and the last time it was reviewed was January 2025. He commented that upon review of the coverage area map, and discussion with former document specialist Ms. Sherry Shafer, it was determined that the coverage area as shown has been the same for an extended period of time. Paul briefed that some of the issues that were discussed with the Northern, Southeast and Central Region Representatives; is that Seward, part of the Kenai Peninsula, and Kodiak were in the Southeast. Paul noted that the Central area was a catchall and the Northern region had an interesting set up. Paul continued to explain that the working group representatives attempted to make a more realistic line, which the Kenai Peninsula would be in the Central region, and then they would streamline where the Northern and Southeast regions were. Paul stated that they were looking at changing the map of Appendix B, then looked at section 5. Paul commented that the boundary is in the municipal region, and when a map is changed, one must go to section 5, 5-1,5-2, and 5-3. Paul briefed that there are the Southeast region, the Northern region, and the Central region so the group has to look at changing this and also keep in mind that the geographic regions extend across the State of Alaska and everyone knows that ALMR is mainly on the major road systems. He noted that, however, the team wanted to accurately reflect some of the changes in areas since ALMR received FedRamp to use LTE and Wi-fi with the coverage on there. Paul stated that they had changed section five with the group. Paul asked if there were any questions before he progressed further into the changes made.</p> <p>There were no questions so he continued.</p> <p>Paul noted that as the changes were tracked one question that was brought up was by Erann and that was if they were considering power utilities as a member. Paul stated that he looked at that and since in the action items brief he stated they are not members and have not decided to join ALMR, so the decision was made to leave that as it is. He commented that public safety agencies include, but are not limited to, general government agency, local, state, tribal, or federal, and if the Alaska Power Association does decide to become ALMR members, then the team will look at it and add them as a member.</p> <p>Paul stated that under Article 5, Membership – he changed the wording in 5-1,5-2, and 5-3, which he read aloud to everyone and the changes will be seen on the</p>	
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	<p>map. Paul commented that the Northern region includes all agencies that lay north of a line that extends west-northwest on the Alaska Highway crossing on the border with Canada to the Tok cutoff, and north on the Richardson Highway to Paxson, following the Denali Highway west to Cantwell, then extending west to Alakanak. Paul noted that the Southeast region includes all agencies that lay south of a line extending east-southeast of the Alaska Highway crossing the border with Canada along the Alaskan border to the easternmost point of Icy Bay. He stated that 5-3 is the Central region comprised of all agencies west of the southeast region border, south of the northern region border, and up to and including the Kodiak Archipelago and Aleutian Islands.</p> <p>Paul stated that he wanted to thank Erann for realizing section 3 did not really flow well. Paul took the original wording from 2010, the Chair will be elected from among the 12 primary members or their alternate in the event of a primary appointee's absence. Paul stated that in the Vice Chair section wording was changed to state that: "user sector (of the four original foundational entities) as the chair".</p> <p>Paul mentioned that the group has also added the "document specialist vacancy, the operations manager'. Paul mentioned that the working group changed the wording a little bit.</p> <p>Paul stated that for the Northern region, the border crossing with a line to the Tok cut off up the Richardson to Paxson, the Denali Highway, to Cantwell, and straight west to Alakanak: Paul noted that is the northern region. Paul stated that the North Slope Borough has their own section, so the line is pretty much here for the North Slope Borough.</p> <p>Paul continued to explain that then the Central region covers west of the border, south of the northern border, which is Kodiak. Paul also explained that Seward and Valdez, are now where they are supposed to be in the Central region; and for Southeast, we went from the Alcan border crossing down the Alaska border, from there to the easternmost point of Icy Bay.</p> <p>Paul stated these are the significant changes that have been made to the charter and asked if there were any questions.</p> <p>Mr. Henry Cole asked Paul to clarify the Northern to Central region boundary.</p> <p>Paul stated that the boundary was at the Tok cut off, by the Gulkana Junction; along the Richardson Highway to Paxson, and then along the Denali Highway, because</p>	
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	<p>zone one and zone two are already delineated by the Denali Highway to Cantwell, and then West. Paul stated that Nick did work on this to make sure that the way that ALMR is set up, zone one towers are in this area.</p> <p>Paul also stated that the zone two towers are in the correct area, so that way we have the Paxson tower in zone two where it's supposed to be because it's just north of Denali Highway</p> <p>Paul summarized that those were the changes brought through the working group.</p> <p>and that the changes will be sent out to the membership for a vote.</p> <p>Paul asked questions and there were none.</p> <p>Tammy stated that the floor is open for New Business, any other topics that any member or anybody online would like to bring up.</p>	
Next Meeting	Discussion	
	<p>Tammy noted that the next meetings are currently scheduled for June 10th and July 1.</p> <p>Keith Berrian from Municipalities North asked if there was further information on the topic he previously approached regarding radio interference on Birch Hill.</p> <p>Nik Fahnestock responded that he had been working with Tim Woodall and they have engaged the FCC. Nik and Tim are not certain if the FCC will come here. Nik stated he has requested that they keep this topic on the daily report for visibility purposes.</p> <p>Keith responded that it would be appreciated and further explained that the Birch Hill tower is the main tower in the interior and most of the Fairbanks area and handles a lot of the load. That is something that needs to be repaired.</p> <p>Nik stated that they are aware of it and Tim understands the situation as well, and that they have tested and pointed out the issue. Nik did state however, it is out of their hands, out of the DOW's hands, and is now up to the FCC.</p>	
Adjournment	Discussion	
	<p>Tammy asked if anyone else had anything and stated that at this time she would entertain a motion to adjourn the May 6th meeting.</p>	



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	<p>Motion: Adjourn the May 6, 2026, User Council meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Scott Nelsen</p> <p>Second: Mr. Bradley Wayland</p> <p>Tammy stated that the meeting was now adjourned and thanked everybody.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.</p>	
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