



A FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP

Alaska Land Mobile Radio

*ALMR User Council
Meeting Minutes*

Date: February 5, 2014

1. Attendance.

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

Primary				
T	Adams	Ocie	Mr.	SOA DOT&PF
E	Beals	Mark	Chief	Municipalities Central, Bear Creek Fire Service Area
E	Fronterhouse	Bev	Ms	Fed Non-DOD, Bureau of Land Management
T	Halden	Jordan	Mr.	SOA All Others, DNR Forestry
E	Johnson	Brad	Chief	Municipalities Northern , Fairbanks PD
T	Lampshire	Chris	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, US Forest Service
P	Leveque	Matt	MAJ	SOA DPS, AST, Chair
T	Martin	Chris	Mr.	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB
	VACANT			Fed Non-DOD, FBI, Vice Chair
U	Mitchell	William	Mr.	DOD USAF, JBER
U	Sell	Kris	Lt	Municipalities Southeast, Juneau PD
U	Williams	Rick	GS-12	DOD US Army Alaska

Alternate				
U	Arasz	Paul	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, FBI
T	Flowers	Alvin	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, TSA
T	Gibbs	David	Mr.	Municipalities Northern, Fairbanks North Star Borough Emergency Manager
T	Goggia	Tammy	Ms.	Municipalities Central, Soldotna AST Dispatch
N/A	Jones	Dave	Mr.	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB
N/A	Kain	Paul	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, USFS
U	Lewis	Mike	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, US Fish & Wildlife Service
N/A	Patz	Greg	Mr.	SOA DOT
	VACANT			DOD USAF, JBER
	VACANT			SOA All Others
	VACANT			DOD US Army
	VACANT			SOA DPS, AST

Supporting Staff and Guests:

P	Borg	Casey	Mr.	System Manager
T	Crider	Michael	LCDR	US Coast Guard District 17
P	McGrath	Max	Mr.	SOA ETS Program Manager
P	Richter	Bruce	Mr.	OEC Region X Coordinator
P	Rockwell	John	Mr.	State 911 Coordinator
T	Shafer	Sherry	Ms.	Document Specialist
P	Smith	Del	Mr.	Operations Manager
P	Stormo	Scott	Mr.	SOA ETS
T	White	Sharon	Ms.	SOA ETS
T	Williams	Jeremy	CWO	US Coast Guard District 17



2. Meeting Minutes and Action Items.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items Assigned
Call to Order	Major Matt Leveque called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken and a quorum of User Council (UC) members was in attendance.	
Introduction of Guests	There were no special guests.	
Previous Meeting Minutes	<p>The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Matt explained to the council there was a correction on page 7 under New Business he had not previously responded to. He provided the correction and asked for a motion of approval with the amendment to the minutes.</p> <p>Motion: Accept the January 8, 2014, meeting minutes, as amended.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. David Gibbs Second: Mr. Ocie Adams</p> <p>There were no objections. The motion passed.</p>	
Issues & Risks Log	Active Issues	Action Items Assigned
	<p>Item #57 – This item remains open due to the fact the DPS alternate, SOA-All Others alternate and DOD US Army alternate positions are all vacant.</p> <p>Update: The OMO advised the council members they were recently advised the alternate DOD-JBER represented had retired and that position was now vacant.</p>	
	Pending Issues	
	There were no pending issues.	
	Issues Closed at, or since, last meeting	
	There were no issues closed.	
Action Items Review	Opened Items	Resolution
	There were not action items from the January meeting to review.	
Operations Management Office	Mr. Del Smith, Operations Manager	Action Items Assigned
Encryption	1. Mr. Del Smith advised the council that recently there was an agency utilizing ALMR who believed their radios were in the encrypted mode. When they responded to a call and entered the civilian residence, they heard the radio transmissions over a civilian scanner inside. Del stated it appeared they were operating in the clear and he stressed that those personnel who utilize subscribers need to make sure they know which button to	



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<p>System Subscriber Capacity</p>	<p>Matt stated he had been asked on several occasions what the process was for leveraging cheaper subscriber units because it seemed the System was "all about Motorola™;" this was one of the chief complaints that always surfaced. He stated the Department of Public Safety (DPS) was looking at a complete overhaul of their Gold Elite consoles in the next few years and he was extremely interested in seeing the testing process vetted as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Max stated the question regarding China was a good one. He suggested the SMO begin the preliminary steps to identify some vendors and set up a test bed for the consoles. This would allow agencies to look at the top vendors and then go through the selection process for their individual agencies.</p> <p>Max asked Casey if he would research other Systems to see if they had a mix of consoles.</p> <p>Del stated he had attended a Public Safety Technology Interoperability Workgroup (PTIG) demonstration at the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) in 2013 where other consoles were integrated and operated with the ASTRO 25 System and it worked in that controlled environment.</p> <p>Max stated if we could consolidate devices on the System, and the easier it was to make it to use, more people would be likely to use it.</p> <p>3. Mr. Bruce Richter asked Casey if he could address whether there was a move to address capacity constraints pointed out during the upgrade. He gave the scenario of a large earthquake exercise where large numbers of personnel came in from out of state and needed to operate on the System.</p> <p>Casey stated the proper use of the Incident Command (IC) Zone talkgroups, rather than adding talkgroups, would alleviate some of that concern. He advised he thought the issue of concern was during the 7.13 upgrade, Motorola™ pointed out the number of authorized subscribers allowed on the System had been exceeded.</p> <p>Del interjected it was a licensing issue not a System capacity issue and Casey clarified that during the upgrade this was addressed and the current allotted number of subscriber units the System is now licensed for is 25,000.</p> <p>Bruce asked, if in an emergency situation, would Motorola™ allow that number to be temporarily bumped up.</p> <p>Casey stated he could not speculate on what direction Motorola™ would or would not take regarding emergency</p>	
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	subscriber number increases during disasters.	
State of Alaska	Mr. Max McGrath, SOA	Action Items Assigned
Current Projects	<p>Mr. Max McGrath stated ETS was continuing to meet with Casey and Del to discuss areas and projects that still needed attention.</p> <p>He briefed technicians from ETS and the SMO would be going to Delta Junction to conduct coverage testing this month, as promised.</p>	
Department of Defense	Mr. Tim Woodall, ALMR DOD Representative	Action Items Assigned
	Mr. Woodall was not in attendance; therefore no update was provided.	
Old Business	Discussion	Action Items Assigned
	There were no Old Business items.	
New Business	Discussion	Action Items Assigned
ALMR Training	<p>Del advised the council, although it wasn't technically a New Business item, he felt it was important to present.</p> <p>He stated, in the on-going outreach effort, there were two ALMR radio training classes scheduled for February 10 and both were almost full.</p>	
Next meeting	Discussion	
	<p>Matt announced the next two regularly scheduled meetings were March 5 and April 2.</p> <p>He advised the council it was helpful that the members were letting him and the OMO know when they were unable to attend.</p>	
Adjournment	Discussion	
	<p>Matt asked the council members if there were any additional items for discussion. Hearing none, he requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Adjourn the February User Council meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Ocie Second: David</p> <p>There were no objections. The motion passed.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.</p>	