



1. Attendance Roster

User Council Members and Alternates

P = Present	T = Via Telephone	E = Excused	U = Unexcused
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Primary

T	Adams	Ocie	Mr.	SOA DOT&PF
T	Beals	Mark	Chief	Municipalities Central, Bear Creek Fire Service Area
U	Claar	William	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, US Forest Service
P	Dalzell	Jacob	TSgt	DOD, JBER
T	Fronterhouse	Bev	Ms	Fed Non-DOD, Bureau of Land Management
T	Johnson	Brad	Chief	Municipalities Northern , Fairbanks PD, Vice Chair
P	Leveque	Matt	MAJ	SOA DPS, AST, Chair
U	Mitchell	William	Mr.	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB
T	Murphy	Peter	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, FBI
	VACANT			SOA All Others, DMVA (representing all other SOA Agencies)
E	Sell	Kris	Lt	Municipalities Southeast, Juneau PD
E	Williams	Rick	GS-12	DOD US Army Alaska

Alternate

E	Arasz	Paul	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, FBI
U	Ashley	Freddie	Mr.	DOD USAF, Clear AFS (Eielson Alt)
U	Caldwell	Jim	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, TSA
E	Fulton	Jeffrey	MAJ	DOD US Army Alaska
E	Gibbs	David	Mr.	Municipalities Northern, Fairbanks North Star Borough Emergency Manager
E	Horton	Tia	Ms.	Municipalities Central, Anchorage Fire Department
E	Keeney	George	Chief	Municipalities Central, Valdez FD
E	Lambert	Andrew	Mr.	DOD, JBER
E	Leggett	Ray	Chief	Municipalities Southeast, Skagway PD
E	Lewis	Mike	Mr.	Fed Non-DOD, US Fish & Wildlife Service
E	Patz	Greg	Mr.	SOA DOT
T	Pyne	Kathryn	Ms.	SOA All Others, DNR Forestry (representing all other SOA Agencies)
U	Royal	Ronald	Mr.	DOD USAF, Eielson AFB
E	Wilson	Barry	Capt	SOA DPS, AST

Other Attendees

P	Borg	Casey	Mr.	System Manager
P	Leber	Rich	Mr.	OMO Technical Advisor
P	Shafer	Sherry	Ms.	OMO Document Specialist
P	Smith	Del	Mr.	Operations Manager



T	Tucker	Jeff	Chief	North Star Volunteer Fire Department
P	Woodall	Tim	Mr.	DOD ALMR Project Officer

2. Meeting Minutes and Action Items

Agenda Item / Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Called to Order	Major Matt Leveque called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken and a quorum was achieved. There were no guests.	
Previous Meeting Minutes Approval	Minutes from February meeting were reviewed. Motion: Accept February 2, 2011, meeting minutes as written. Motion: Mr. Pete Murphy Second: TSgt Jacob Dalzell There were no objections. The motion passed.	
Review of I&R Log	Active Issues	
	Item #57 – SOA - All Others primary position is vacant.	
	Pending Issues	
	There were no pending issues.	
	Issues Closed at, or since, last meeting	
	There were no issues closed.	
Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting	There was two action items resulting from the February meeting, which were completed and closed.	
Operations Management Office Update	Mr. Del Smith, Operations Manager	Action Items Assigned
OMO/SMO Audit Responses	1. Del advised the council members that both the OMO and the SMO had provided responses to the findings from the audit. The one outstanding issue was the liability of the Technical Advisor riding in the helicopter to the high sites. Del stated the report and responses would go to the Executive Council once a meeting is scheduled.	
Non-DOD Federal Agency Fund Transfer	2. Del updated the council on the status of the funds transfer from the Federal Non-DOD agencies for OMO services. Currently, Wostmann & Associates/5 Star Team are working with the agencies to devise a solution. A possible contract modification could provide the solution. If this cannot be accomplished, the optional User Council support services will end.	
Copper Valley Electric Association	3. Del advised the council that he was approached by the State to look into whether Copper Valley Electric Association	



<p>MotoBridge™ Naming Conventions</p>	<p>(CVEA) could join ALMR. They are a non-profit agency but would need a sponsor if they meet all eligibility requirements. CVEA currently has 50 subscriber units and supports the pipeline and several ALMR sites with commercial power.</p> <p>Mr. Tim Woodall stated that when ALMR was being implemented they had looked into allowing utilities on the System. However, they do not have a defined public safety role and are ineligible.</p> <p>Del stated perhaps a MotoBridge™ would offer them a viable alternative for connectivity in case of an emergency. He would look into that possibility further and discuss with CVEA.</p> <p>4. The MotoBridge™ Working Group has agreed on the naming conventions for the resources and PSAPs and the members have identified their restricted resources. The next step is getting that information loaded.</p>	
<p>Busies</p>	<p>Del advised that many agencies are still continuing to request initial training and some of those that were previously trained will need refresher training since so much time has passed.</p> <p>5. Del updated the council on the current Weekly Busy Report (20 - 26 Feb). Willow Mountain, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA), and Divide were areas of concern. Del stated he had ordered Genesis reports for these sites from the Help Desk.</p> <p>It was speculated that busies at TSAIA could have been due to the move of the 176th Wing from Kulis to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), which took place the same timeframe the busies at TSAIA occurred.</p> <p>Ocie stated there was a lot of DOT activity in the Divide area during that week. There were 126-mph winds in that area and DOT was very busy keeping the roads open.</p> <p>Del stated Willow Mountain continues to be on the busy watch list every week.</p>	
<p>Legislative Budget Sub-Committee</p>	<p>6. Del stated he had listened to the recording of the Legislative hearing on the Budget Sub-committee for Admin and that the Kenai Peninsula Legislator had stated last year he asked a trooper about ALMR and the trooper stated I can talk to anyone in the state. The legislator asked the trooper to contact Central Emergency Services (CES). CES has one radio and have not been that supportive of ALMR and</p>	



	<p>do not use it for their day-to-day business. It took 15 minutes to reach someone and that contact finally occurred by phone. However, you can't reach someone on a radio if they do not have the radio on. This legislator used this one instance and stated, "On the peninsula, ALMR is a failure."</p> <p>Del was unsure how we battle this type of ignorance but asked the users if they get an opportunity to speak to a legislator, provide them some factual information.</p> <p>Mr. Mark Beals stated he has spoken to the individuals at CES that don't want to use ALMR for their day-to-day business, and that's fine. He has told this agency that ALMR works if they should ever need to speak to the Troopers, or if the "big one" ever happens.</p> <p>Jacob stated they used ALMR when they convoyed to the F22 crash site at Cantwell last November and that they never had to change channels once. He said it was a valuable asset to them to be able to talk to the Emergency Operations Center back at JBER and keep them apprised of what was going on. They had continuous ALMR connectivity until they started down the Denali Highway, which was expected.</p>	
<p>System Management Office Update</p>	<p>Mr. Casey Borg, System Manager</p>	<p>Action Items Assigned</p>
<p>Maintenance Issues</p>	<p>Casey briefed the council that Heney Range was down again but the State was scheduled to go there on Friday. If they don't get it back in line on Friday, they will have to get a helicopter and head to Cordova and touch up both sides of the pass. Cordova has been fairly stable this week. Kodiak had had a few hits but has been relatively stable, with only a few drops this week.</p> <p>Casey stated that there was a UPS issue at Birch Hill and a couple servers went down, but the North Zone was not affected.</p> <p>Casey advised the council that Cooper Mountain is back up and the receive antenna had be fixed with a temporary pole. The SMO is working on a permanent solution with North Slope Communications and they will get that to the Army.</p> <p>Casey stated he was going to Site Summit on Thursday to work on the combiner. Hopefully, this will resolve the issue with the Coast Guard interference and Channel 6 can be turned back on.</p>	
<p>Joint Project Team - DOD Update</p>	<p>Mr. Tim Woodall, ALMR Project Manager</p>	
<p>DIACAP</p>	<p>1. Tim stated the DIACAP for the System renewal was</p>	



<p>Pre-tested Software Services (PTSS)</p> <p>U.S Army Divesture</p> <p>MotoBridge™</p> <p>Transportable Communications Systems</p>	<p>completed and Authority to Operate was extended for three more years.</p> <p>2. Tim advised that the current PTSS will continue into the next contract year, but after that either a waiver must be obtained or the System will have to be updated. This will be discussed with all the cooperative partners.</p> <p>3. Tim stated the divesture talks continue. There is a meeting scheduled next week in Juneau with the Commissioner of Administration and the US Army Pacific G6, BG Scott. Tim stated he suspects the divesture will occur from 2011 - 2013, as planned, and these talks will focus on the transfer of equipment ownership. Shared services will continue as is, but the main concern is how the State will pay for maintenance.</p> <p>4. Tim advised the MotoBridge™ contract is complete except for MBITR radios. Casey stated that all that remains is the frequencies programming; the last radio was put in in November.</p> <p>5. Tim stated there is now a possibility that ALMR will not be keeping the Transportable Systems. With all of the budget cuts and potential changes in what Alaskan Command (ALCOM) looks like, and whether JTF Alaska will still exist. The resources are funded by NORTHCOM. If they elect to not continue to fund them, then they must be divested of. This all depends on the budget.</p> <p>Mr. Pete Murphy asked what would happen to the equipment in them and if it could be used to build another site. Also, would the cached radios be made available to organizations on ALMR?</p> <p>Tim stated that if they said get rid of them, it would be determined at that time. FEMA has expressed some interest in taking them, but if they decided against that then ALCOM would certainly take a look at the possibility of building a couple sites from the equipment.</p>	
<p>Joint Project Team - SOA Update</p>	<p>Mr. Jim Kohler, SOA ETS Program Manager</p>	
	<p>Major Leveque stated that Mr. Kohler was meeting with senior staff in Washington DC to talk about the National Broadband Plan and unavailable for the meeting.</p> <p>No State updates were provided.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>		
	<p>There was no old business presented during this meeting.</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>		



Alaska Land Mobile Radio

*ALMR User Council
Meeting Minutes*

Date: Mar 2, 2011

	The next regularly scheduled meetings are April 6, May 4, and June 1.	
New Business		
Genesis Air Traffic Interface Application (ATIA)	<p>Tim asked Casey if he found out whether we could extend the Genesis ATIA services to those agencies with Network Management Terminals (NMTs).</p> <p>Casey stated there were five licenses total, so there would be four available.</p> <p>Major Leveque noted that only the DOD would have NMTs.</p>	
Adjourn		
	<p>A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Deputy Chief Brad Johnson and seconded by Pete. There were no objections.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.</p>	