

MARRS Management Council Committee
November 29, 2023, Hybrid/TEAMS
Meeting Summary

Worth Hunsinger opened the meeting. Eric Winebrenner performed the roll call.

- Approval of the August 23, 2023, Meeting Summary

Scott Boden moved to approve the August 23, 2023, meeting summary. Tony Avery seconded it. The motion was approved.

- System Owners Update

- Cass County – No report
- Excelsior Springs – No report
- Independence – Doug Christianson – ActiveEye is up and running.
- Johnson County, KS – Worth Hunsinger – Do not have any infrastructure changes but they will be making a change to most of their law enforcement primary talk groups to encryption January 2024.
- Johnson County, MO – No report
- Kansas City Missouri – Stephenson – Their ActiveEye is up and running except for in a couple of comm centers. They have been trained.
- Lee’s Summit – Jamie Taylor – They will be building a new comm center in the next couple of years moving Lee’s Summit Fire and Police together but nothing right now to report.
- Platte County – Tony Avery – Have purchased cybersecurity.
- Wyandotte County – Darrell Banner – Cybersecurity is still in process. Other than that, nothing new.

- System Request

- I. Independence School District Access Request – Recommendation for approval from MARRS Technical and Users Committee – Doug Christianson

This is more of a ratification of putting in writing how to manage a non-public safety entity being brought before this group to be approved as a policy. Christianson asked for this document to be put in the chat. He shared what this document does is confirm that a prime site owner can allow a public safety entity on their system if the entity is willing to pay the fees, comply with all the MARRS rules and with MARRS Management Council approval. Per Avery, this prevents anyone that is not classified as a public service entity or acting in that capacity from having access to the key. Jason Peterson shared some background.

Tony Avery moved to approve the document that modifies the policy on non-public safety entities access to the MARRS system and them not being able to access the encryption key. Scott Boden seconded it. The motion was approved.

This document will be posted on the MARC website with the other MARRS documents.

- II. Lone Jack Fire Protection District Access Request - Recommendation for approval from MARRS Technical & Users Committee – Doug Christianson

As far as they can tell, Lone Jack Fire Protection is the only agency in the MARRS region, not in the MARRS system and they have decided they would like to join. They will join Independent’s prime site and be dispatched through Lee’s Summit. They will need access to the encrypted and regional comms so they can operate with everyone else.

Tony Avery moved to allow Lone Jack Fire Protection District access to the shared talk groups. Scott Boden seconded it. The motion was approved.

- III. Leavenworth County Sheriff’s Office Access Request - Recommended for Management Council guidance – Capt. Tony Avery

Avery received a call from Undersheriff James Sherley, Leavenworth County who has for around a decade had reg comm access. They were allowed access to Platte County talk groups because in pursuits, they tended to cross over into Platte County. Undersheriff Sherley asked if he could continue to have the reg comms which prompted Avery to share that having access is mute if they did not have access to 1426 and how he could not allow them access to anything shared. After their conversation, Avery was

prompted to review whether the proper paperwork was in place. Avery spoke with Wendy Dedeke who shared that Leavenworth had been in contact with Johnson County (Worth Hunsinger) to get the proper paperwork signed. Hunsinger shared that all the required paperwork had been signed. Including the paperwork for key access. After a discussion about this at the MARRS Users/Tech meeting, it was decided to make a recommendation for this Council to make the decision about allowing Leavenworth to have 1426 on their KVL, if all the documents were signed and the same as the state of Missouri. Boden asked if this were something this body would want to change in the bylaws? This was discussed and these decisions will be made case-by-case.

Greg Williams moved to approve Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office access request. Doug Christianson seconded it. The motion was approved.

There was discussion about the regional radio spec requirements shared with Motorola and some Apex 4500 not having OTAR capabilities. Christenson said he had been in contact with Motorola, and they have the requirement document that lists our region's radios must be Otar capable. He had a lengthy discussion with them, and they are looking into what happened. We will have to wait to see what they propose to take care of this issue.

- Other Discussion
 - ARPA Funding Update – Eric Winebrenner
 - In the chat, information from the Missouri Department of Public Safety had been placed on a grant for radio equipment. It is from the first responder capital improvement 29-month grant for the Missouri side with a 50/50 match.
 - Federal Reserve Addendum – Scott Stephenson
 - The Federal Reserve Bank is requesting to join the radio system, but there has been back and forth with the city attorney because of changes they want to make. Jeff Brame feels that if we make changes for them, it could open us up to having to make changes for others in the future. There was a discussion.

Greg Williams moved to deny the Federal Reserve's request. Doug Christianson seconded it. The motion was approved.

Williams shared that he would inform Brame of this vote so Brame could inform the Federal Reserve.

Winebrenner noted that the 2024 meeting dates were listed on the bottom of the agenda and asked everyone to add the dates to their calendars. He noted that Thomas would continue to send meeting invites.

The meeting adjourned.

2024 MARRS Management Council Meeting Dates

- o February 21
- o May 29
- o August 21
- o November 19