



***St. Louis County 911  
User Board Meeting  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

**Last Meeting Minutes:**

Correct the date on previous minutes

Motion to accept minutes as they were sent out. Dana Wahlberg/Peg Sweeney

**Communications:** No communications

**Unfinished Business:**

Bruce Hegrenes discussed the County board resolution to do an ARMER participation study. Federal Engineering study is completed. The cost of ARMER is approx 8 million which includes end user equipment. The communications department has been doing presentations to user agencies. The ARMER system infrastructure is being funded by E911 funds which, is a charge on every phone bill. Bruce discussed the findings of a couple of fire agencies who have begun testing coverage areas with the few ARMER towers that are up and operational. Dewey will be conducting AFG grant workshops with local fire agencies.

Ross Litman discussed the recommendation by the County Board to migrate fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement to the ARMER 800mnz trunked radio system. The state has advised St. Louis County that there are no user fees.

Eric Rish questioned the interoperability with public safety and public works. Bruce advised that 9-1-1 has limited contact with public works currently. There would be interoperable VHF channels to utilize for public works also.

Marcus Bruning advised that the new system will be built with capacity for future users. Keith Nelson advised that the county board is proceeding cautiously. He also discussed the cost issues associated with ARMER.

Marcus discussed a memo that was sent out to all user agencies. The memo explains the ARMER system and the direction the county board is taking. The memo also advised agencies to contact the communications department for a presentation.

Dave Durrant discussed two departments who have recently upgraded all of their radio equipment to the narrow band VHF system. The DNR forestry is planning on staying on narrowband VHF and a portion of the DNR will be carrying two radios.

Lisa Johannesohn updated on the VAMP upgrade occurring on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. The mobile data system will be down for three to four hours. The mobiles will need to be updated. One of the files needed to be updated can be pushed to the MDC's by radio IP. Those MDC's that do not have radio IP will have to be manually updated.

There will be an upgrade of the mobile software called mobilecom and this will also include mapping and AVL. The new software will also allow setting

Keith Nelson discussed how MNDOT is using AVL and how other entities are using AVL.

**New Business:**

APCO EMD.

**Other Business:**

Elections: Peg Sweeney motions to cast a white ballot for all current officers to be re-elected. Keith Nelson supported. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

March 10<sup>th</sup> Fayal Town Hall at 10am.

**Motion to Adjourn**