



FiReControl & Firelink PROJECT UPDATE Issue 21 : Sep 2008

FIRECONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

1 National FiReControl Project Update

Risk Management Toolkit (RMT) - Key dates for the delivery of RMT are for data migration toolkit release in Oct2008, second RMT release in Nov 2008 with final RMT release in Mar 2009.

Data Collection & Migration Toolkit V1 (DCMT1) – User Acceptance Testing (UAT) has still to be scheduled due to outstanding performance issues with the 6 largest FRS gazetteer data sets. This means that the next contractual UAT will not be until Dec 2008, with roll out to all remaining FRSs in Jan 2009.

Station End Equipment (SEE) – UAT has been successfully completed and kit is now ready for installation in those FRS taking SEE early.

Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) - It is anticipated that UAT for MDT1a will commence in Feb 2009. A series of regional Prototyping workshops are being organised which will allow FRSs the opportunity to look at the user interface for MDT1.0A

2 Regional FiReControl Project Update

Technical Solution Briefing – CLG held a Technical Solution Briefing at the EMRCC for FRSs within EM, WM and EE Regions. This included an overview of the data sets that will be required at the RCC and some options being developed for the post Go Live provision of FRS data into the RCC system .

Attribute based Mobilising - The PDA / Action Plan tool originally designed by Lincolnshire FRS has been developed further by CLG and is being trialled by Derbyshire FRS who are currently "translating" existing PDAs into Action Plans and PDAs as required for the FireControl System. The outcomes from this trial should be known in October

DCMT1 Early Adopter Update - Derbyshire have taken an interim upgrade of DCMT1 which included the fixes that had been made from the first version but excluding the issues of performance on large data sets. Derbyshire FRS are currently feeding back on usability to CLG .

Control Room Seminars - planning is currently taking place on another set of information seminars for all Control Room staff within the Region. The dates are Oct 21st, 22nd, 28th and Nov 6th and 10th. Control Room Managers are providing the names of staff wishing to attend to the Regional Project Manager.



3 Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) Update

Board Meeting 15 was held on 18th September 2008 when the following issues were discussed:

- Pay and Conditions of the Senior Management Team - which have been reviewed and refreshed.
- Draft Relocation and Additional Support Policy for transferring staff – which will now go the JPF sub-group for discussion and is subject to CLG agreeing the funding.
- Additional Temporary HR Support – needed to provide additional capacity given the work required for the Reasonableness Criteria interviews.
- Facilities Management Update – a decision on this is likely in December.
- Dates have been set for Board Meetings for 2009.

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FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE

1 National Firelink Progress

SAN A Freeze - A number of SAN A terminals fitted to FRS vehicles froze making the radio inoperable. A solution to prevent further occurrence involves an upgrade to the software for all terminals and the fitting of a filter for certain installations which have Pump Bay Voice Terminal and External Loud Speakers fitted. A Software upgrade is currently being deployed and Airwave await the delivery of the filter and completion of the test regime for the device.

Phase A – Infrastructure - Work continues both centrally and in the regions on a number of issues that need to be closed for Airwave to meet Phase A sign off. The SAN A freeze is also a key issue in this.

Phase B - Whole Fleet Rollout - Vehicle surveys are well under way and vehicle design pack reviews are taking place. The release of a new schedule that will look at a number of options for Phase B rollout is imminent.

2. Regional Firelink Progress

Phase A - Clearance of all Phase A Snagging Work is well underway and close to completion. The resolution of the SAN A Issue due to be complete within the Region by 26th September.

Phase B - A launch decision point is scheduled for 8th October and the First Line Maintenance Decision is pending for each FRS. Phase B Design Packs currently under review throughout the Region.

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