



FiReControl & Firelink PROJECT UPDATE Issue 30 : July 2009

FIRECONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

1 National FiReControl Project Update

Reschedule Announcement

On 15 July a Ministerial Statement was made to Parliament by Fire Minister Shahid Malik MP, announcing a 10 month delay to FiReControl. The statement set out the Minister's firm commitment to FiReControl's delivery. The Minister also explained improvements to the project approach with CLG and EADS (the main contractor) teams working more closely on a day-to-day basis with the Fire and Rescue Service. A revised table of cut over dates and a press release were published with the written Ministerial Statement .

Revised Go Live and FRS Cut over dates for East Midlands FRSs :

Derbyshire	May 2011
Leicestershire	July 2011
Nottinghamshire	Nov 2011
Lincolnshire	Jan 2012
Northamptonshire	Jan 2012

2 Regional FiReControl Project Update

Data Collection and Migration Toolkit 1 (DCMT1)

FRSs have been given install dates in August by CLG for the DCMT1 software upgrade and the latest version of the National Land & Property Gazetteer (NLPG). The NLPG will be the FiReControl standard for premise based mobilising . Once the installs have taken place, FRSs can then complete the data matching exercise between current FRS gazetteers and the NLPG.

Electronic Interfaces Project

FRSs have completed an on-line CLG survey to record details of FRS back office systems and exchange of data with FiReControl. This is required to inform decisions on development of electronic interfaces between FRS systems and the FiReControl system and CLG will establish if any common interfaces can be supplied for FRSs by working with their suppliers.

Control Room Seminars

Five seminars were held in July which were well attended. The final seminar will be held on Monday 3rd August. A summary of the questions taken and answers given will be circulated to all staff after the 3rd August.

FRS Principal Officers / Senior Managers Project Briefing

This was held at the RCC on 22 July with attendees from all 5 FRSs. Roger Hargreaves, FiReControl National Project Director , delivered the CLG update.



3 Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) Update

There is no update this month.

If you have any questions about the FiReControl Project please contact :

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FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE

1. National Firelink Progress

Phase B - Current Status: operational rollout of voice terminals to FRS appliances and officers' cars in England has reached over 5,500 vehicles (of a total of 8400 GB-wide). This means that 95% of FRSs are now either converted to Firelink or in the process of conversion.

Phase B - Test Facility EADS Newport : the Airwave test bed is now up and running and EADS will soon commence full use of the facility for proofing the FiReControl concept.

Phase C - SAN H – Firelink Voice/Data interface at Regional Control Centres: SAN Hs have now been delivered to 4 RCCs. The SAN H that has been installed in the SWRCC is being used as the prototype for testing.

Phase C - MDT Installs : work continues with FRSs to finalise dates for rollout .This will include a pilot installation in Leicestershire FRS that is designed to rehearse and de-risk, the main operational rollout of FiReControl MDTs in England.

2. Regional Firelink Progress

Nottinghamshire FRS: Phase B Installations are on hold due to the 'In Life' failure rate . Investigations are underway and final testing will commence on 5th August. If testing proves successful then Phase B Installs will recommence during w/c 31st August .

Leicestershire FRS: has been selected as the Pilot FRS for Phase C MDT1a and the installation will include Full Voice and MDT1a Rollout. The anticipated start date is in September

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