



## FiReControl & Firelink PROJECT UPDATE Issue 34 : Nov 2009

### FIRECONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

#### 1 National FiReControl Project Update

**Select Committee Enquiry** - The Parliamentary Select Committee announced an inquiry into the FiReControl Project to take place in Jan/Feb 2010. The committee runs a number of inquiries into the work of CLG at any given time and the examination of the FiReControl project is therefore part of the normal democratic scrutiny work of the Select Committee and as such CLG welcomes the opportunity to set out the case for FiReControl.

**Ways of Working (WoW)** - A number of the abbreviated (introduction and key principles) documents are now being updated and amended as they progress through the validation process. The detailed documents will be based on the technical detail being derived from the Solution Establishment Workshops (SEWs)

**Single Point of Service Management for FiReControl & Firelink** - CLG are reviewing a joint proposal from EADS and Airwave for a single service desk for users to report faults, including the mobilisation of support and maintenance across the FiReControl and Firelink programmes. If this option were to be taken up it would provide a single contact phone number and email address to raise and manage all FiReControl and Firelink faults and queries.

#### 2 Regional FiReControl Project Update

**Attribute Based Mobilising** - A 3 day workshop was held at the West Midlands RCC involving representatives from all 9 regions to help define the attributes that FRSs will use to construct their pre-determined attendance (PDA) to enable attribute-based mobilising. Short code, name, and operational definitions for both the 'basic' and 'extended' attributes were developed. A PDA trial will start on 3 December, initially involving Derbyshire & Lincolnshire FRS from East Midlands plus FRSs from North East, West Midlands, East Midlands, and South West Regions. The FRSs will be asked to review their current attendances in line with local business rules and replicate these using the defined PDA rationale. The results of this trial will be communicated in Jan 2010.

**Operational Staff Training On MDT1a** – Training to operational staff has commenced in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire FRSs on the MDT1a functionality that has been provided by CLG. Operational staff will be able to access information via the mobile data terminals in appliances: this includes vehicle hazard data, chemical hazard data, hydrant data, mapping data and some FRS data such as SOPs and site specific risk information. As a reminder, MDT1.0A is a standalone version of the later full-scale MDT solution. This means that MDT1a does not have GPRS and will not be able to receive mobilising messages.



## 3. Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) Update

There is no update this month.

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## FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE

### 1. National Firelink Progress

#### Phase B - Operational Radio Roll Out

**England** – rollout continues to go well and the majority of FRS will be completed by Jan 2010

**Scotland** - Initial problems have now been resolved and rollout is expected to complete by Apr 2010.

**Wales** - launch of operational rollout in Wales remains 'on hold' pending resolution of a number of control room issues and a number of outstanding Phase A deliverables .

#### Phase C – MDT Rollout

Rollout remains on track, thanks to lessons learned from the Leicestershire FRS pilot. Devon & Somerset, Hampshire, Lincolnshire , Cumbria, Derbyshire and Essex all commenced rollout on 16th Nov. Joint work is now starting on the detailed concept for MDT2 and the associated MDT1-MDT2 and MDT2-RCC migrations. A joint FiReControl & Firelink rollout plan should be ready for consultation in Jan 2010.

### 2. Regional Firelink Progress

#### Phase B – Operational Radio Rollout

**Nottinghamshire FRS** - rollout was completed on 6 Oct with only an End Stage Review to be scheduled.

**Leicestershire FRS** - rollout commenced on 14th Sep. 81% (60) of the installations were complete as at 16th Nov. with the scheduled completion date due for 3rd Dec.

#### Phase C – MDT Rollout

**Leicestershire FRS** - rollout commenced 14th Sep. 81% (60) of the installations were complete as at 16th Nov with the scheduled completion date due for 3rd December.

**Derbyshire FRS** rollout commenced 16th Nov. 33% (9) of the installations were complete as at 20th Nov with the scheduled completion date due for 4th Dec.

**Lincolnshire FRS** rollout commenced 16th Nov. 11% (8) of the installations were complete as at 20th Nov with the scheduled completion date due for 18th Jan 2010

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