



FiReControl & Firelink PROJECT UPDATE Issue 36 : Jan 2010

FIRECONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

1 National FiReControl Project Update

Select Committee inquiry - work continues on preparations for the Parliamentary CLG Select Committee inquiry. On 8 January CLG submitted written evidence for the project. There will be an oral hearing on 8 February.

Project Ellipse – work continues with FRSs on interfaces to be developed between FRS back office systems and the main FiReControl system. A seminar will be held on 12 February 2010 for all FRSs, to support senior decision makers within each FRS on effective information, knowledge management and delivery. This seminar will consider the need to transform the way FRSs manage and deliver information for improved fire-fighter safety and efficiency gains in FRS back offices, and making best use of data both within FRSs and between them and their partners.

Crash Recovery Software (CRS) - EADS is close to reaching a corporate deal directly with the suppliers of this software (which some FRSs already purchase independently). This will give FRSs access to this software as part of the FiReControl service solution. Any FRS contemplating a purchase (or renewal) of this software should contact the commercial team at FiReControl for further information before making any commitment.

2 Regional FiReControl Project Update

Attribute Based Mobilising - Derbyshire FRS - supported by Lincolnshire FRS - along with Tyne and Wear, Dorset and Staffordshire FRSs continued work in a CLG trial of constructing FiReControl Pre-Determined Attendances (PDAs) for a select number of national incident types. A feedback session to CLG has been arranged for all these FRSs on 28 January.

Regional Control Centre (RCC) Selection Process - the assessments for the RCC Operations Manager posts has resulted in six successful appointments (subject to the necessary security clearance). The appointees are 3 from Leicestershire, 2 from Derbyshire and 1 from Nottinghamshire.

Potential Trial of IT Shared Services With West Midlands FRS - CLG have recently got the backing of the Chief in WM FRS for a pilot exercise to test whether it is feasible for WM FRS to deploy one or more of their "Open Source" IT applications in another FRS to demonstrate its viability. To this end, a meeting was held on 21 January by CLG and West Midlands FRSs for Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Derbyshire FRSs to discuss the shared IT services being offered by West Mids FRS. CLG would fund the costs of participating in any trial.



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 Radio – English FRS rollout is nearly complete, the last to finish, given its complexity and size, will be London FRS. Scottish FRS roll out will be complete by April and Welsh rollout commenced in January.

Phase C MDT1a Rollout - one FRS has completed MDT1a installs, five are in progress and 4 commenced in January

Phase C MDT2 Rollout – Work on the concept and plan for migration to MDT2 continues to evolve within CLG in order to start working up a supporting rollout plan and then liaising with FRSs to jointly develop local plans for installation work

2. Regional Firelink Progress

Phase B Radio – operational Rollout is now complete within the East Midlands Region which has seen 377 vehicle installations completed.

Phase C MDT1a – the Interim data solution is now complete within the East Midlands Region which has seen 154 vehicle installations completed.

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