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TO: All Police, Fire and EMS Chiefs, Bucks County Radio Project Team

FROM: Bucks County Board of Commissioners

RE: Final Decision – Encryption

DATE: April 24, 2013

Dear Chiefs & Radio Project Team,

After several meetings and numerous discussions among the Advisory Groups it is the final decision of the Board of Commissioners of Bucks County to reinforce our decision of October 25, 2012 pertaining to the issue of encryption on the new radio system.

Just to reinforce the major points of that decision the following will apply:

1. Zone traffic will remain "in the clear" on the new system
2. Dedicated and encrypted TAC channels will be available to law enforcement system users for sensitive or critical incidents which require this protected communication path. The system has the capability to provide encryption on the fly if necessary. Law enforcement officials will be the only users with access to these channels
3. This decision protects all of the system users

It should be noted that any requests to go fully encrypted must be approved by the Bucks County Radio Room Director prior to activation of full encryption as per the agreements that are currently in place.

We look forward to a successful transition to the new radio system.

Sincerely,

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