

**IMPORTANT!! 9/30/2013 – All orders due to the Bucks County Radio
Department**

Ordering Workshops – Cancelled:

There was not a great deal of interest generated for the monthly ordering workshops, so they have been cancelled. If any agency wishes to have individual appointments with a technician, please contact the radio shop staff at **215-345-3960**.

Ordering Process Update:

The Radio Technicians have started to receive some of the early orders for equipment. Once a complete order is assembled, your agency's contact will receive notification from the Radio Shop. We will attempt to contact your agency via email and telephone. Once your agency receives this notification, your authorized representative must contact the Bucks County Finance Department at 215-348-6564 to schedule a time to remit payment and/or sign the promissory note for your order. The Finance Department is located on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building, 55 East Court Street, Doylestown.

We ask that you provide our Finance Department with at least 24 hours notice before arrival so that the staff can prepare your paperwork. Finance will provide you with an original and copy of the Promissory Note and amortization schedule if you are opting to finance through the County. If you have partial or total payment due to the County, please bring your check for the funding/financing/payment option you indicated on your summary order sheet.

After completed, please bring all documents to the radio shop at 1265 Almshouse Road to receive your order. No order will be released without those completed documents.

If you ordered an APX7000 series radio and need it programmed, please call the radio shop prior to pickup.

Intrinsically Safe Radios:

Be sure that you order batteries that are intrinsically safe. There was one early order that was processed without intrinsically safe batteries and although it was resolved with the vendor, be certain that you select intrinsically safe batteries. If you have any questions, please contact the radio shop.

Transmit Steered System:

In our on-going effort to provide adequate space in our shelters for the new equipment, we will need to remove the Transmit Steered network. This is an under-utilized system that we will not

carry forward into the new system. This system will be decommissioned by **6/21/2013**. Please make the appropriate arrangements if you use this system for non-routine operations.

County Towers:

Advantage Engineers are finalizing the geotechnical, foundational mapping, and remediation drawings to bring the towers up to modern loading standards. The County will be evaluating the results in June.

Site Acquisition Status:

The first leases will be presented to the County Commissioners for approval at the 5/15/2013 and 6/4/2013 meetings. The executed leases will allow the Motorola staff to begin the permitting process to deploy the new equipment on the tower sites and develop the necessary construction plans for the new sites. The first sites that will be presented to the Board include: Solebury, Frenchtown (NJ), I95 (Bensalem Twp), Flint Hill (Lehigh County), and Fair Hill (Hilltown Twp).

Staging:

The Radio Project team will be traveling to Motorola's Campus for the Factory Staging Event during the week of 6/9/2013. Our team will have the ability test the actual equipment which will be placed here in the county; and will include quality assurance, safety, and redundancy.

Non-Motorola Equipment:

Regarding the use of non-Motorola equipment on the new radio system: the County technicians will continue to work hard to evaluate and validate non-Motorola equipment, and work with the agencies that notify us of their equipment.

There are some important things for our emergency responders to keep in mind as they move into ordering their equipment:

1. Be certain the equipment your agency is purchasing is P25, 700 MHz, Phase 2 ready to go. We are deploying a Phase 2 network out of the gate. We are not building Phase 1 network. In order for a radio to function properly on our network, it must be TDMA.
2. If your vendor has indicated they have a Phase 2 radio ready to test, we ask that you contact Audrey Kenny as soon as possible. Some of our project team is attending a staging event in mid-June and we would like to take radios with us to test and hopefully qualify.
3. County technicians will have limited capabilities to assist with routine troubleshooting on non-Motorola equipment, and at this time will be limited to programming only.

As of now, we have not been given any actual P25, 700 MHz Phase 2 radios to test by any manufacturer. We will be happy to call any manufacturer to obtain a test unit if you supply me with a name and number.