

**Ordering Procedures and Update:**

*A reminder:* Orders for Motorola equipment planned for use with the new radio system must be submitted to the Bucks County Radio Shop. Tracy Carl and our Technicians will handle submission of orders to Motorola on behalf of our system users.

We are scheduling ordering workshops throughout the county. Resources from the County's radio shop along with Motorola will be deployed to assist agencies with preparing their Motorola equipment orders. The workshops will take place weekly and begin during the week of January 20. Tentatively, they will continue through the week of March 11, and will be held in geographically diverse areas of the county to best meet the needs of our responders.

Space will be limited to no more than 5 agencies at these workshops so please plan to sign up early. Mike Dydak is coordinating this effort so please be certain to notify him if you are planning to send a representative. Once we have dates and venues lined up, the schedule will be published to the website and sent to the chiefs' mailing lists.

Our first priority will be the agencies with AFG funds that must be expended by February. If that deadline impacts your plans, please let us know no later than 1/4/2013.

We have not yet finalized the funding details and rates. We anticipate having the funds available late in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013.

For agencies unable attend a work session, the radio shop team is able to assist with planning sessions. Please contact Tracy at [bucksradioproject@co.bucks.pa.us](mailto:bucksradioproject@co.bucks.pa.us). Additionally, we have included Joe Papania's information for your records:

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**Site Acquisition Status:**

The site acquisition process continues. The RFP responses for tower mapping of county-owned towers are still being evaluated. We have received lease documents for 8 sites and are working with our legal team on the terms.

The structural analyses for 9 tower sites are completed, and we have two in the queue.

**Change Orders Status:**

On December 19, the Commissioners approved the change orders that were the result of the design review phase. The project team has resumed our weekly work sessions with Motorola and our primary focus continues to be site acquisition and ordering procedures.

**Schedule and Cutover:**

We have received questions regarding the ordering schedule and system cutover. Now that the change orders have been approved, we are retuning the schedule. As the benchmark dates are identified, we will share them with you.

**New Director of Emergency Services:**

Scott Forster has been hired to lead the Division of Emergency Services. His first day is 12/31/2012. He assumes the role vacated by John Dougherty. Scott can be reached through Bucks County Emergency Management Agency at 215-340-8700.