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MPSCS Support for Local Infrastructure Integration

Over the past few years, local jurisdictions have significantly expanded the scope of the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS). Both single sites and complex subsystems have been built by local jurisdictions and integrated into the statewide radio system. MPSCS has grown from an initial system of 180 towers to now having more than 200 towers—and it is the local subscribers that now make up the majority of users!

Integrating local infrastructure requires a well documented process to ensure that all the issues are covered. Whether it is an issue relating to designing and building, or user training, or ongoing maintenance—they all require a documented process. MPSCS has created a *Go Live Checklist* as a roadmap for the MPSCS, local jurisdictions and vendors to follow during the project. The *Go Live Checklist* provides steps and guidelines that suggest best practices, proven procedures and policies. It also imparts a framework for determining which risks might affect the project, helping to resolve them before they become a concern.

Due to the importance of these efforts, MPSCS appoints a senior project manager to support the effort from initial discussions and planning through to system activation. The MPSCS project manager has the responsibility and authority to marshal state resources for integration. The local jurisdiction and the vendor also appoint project managers who help guide the process from their perspectives.

MPSCS has successfully utilized this approach to integrate subsystems in Monroe County, City of Detroit, Kalamazoo County, and Genesee County. The approach is presently underway in St. Clair County, Berrien County, Macomb County, and City of Ionia.

MPSCS recognizes that other local jurisdictions including Saginaw and Washtenaw Counties are pursuing opportunities to build and integrate infrastructure in order to join the MPSCS. We will utilize this proven approach to bring these projects to successful completion.