

ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Bruce Rauner Governor

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Director

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Dear Public Safety Agency,

In 2005, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) provided one radio to every public safety agency across the state. Federal grants have been paying the user fees on these radios since 2005. When the radios were originally distributed, a letter was included committing to pay for five years of service. However, grants were able to pay those fees for up to 12 years in some cases. More than 1,000 radios were kept by local agencies to ensure communications interoperability across the state.

IEMA is pleased to announce there are approximately 200-250 Motorola XTL5000 used mobile radios that will be available to any Illinois public safety agency for redistribution at no capital expense. Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) will be handling the administrative duties for this equipment request. To be eligible, each agency must:

- Be willing to pay the appropriate STARCOM21 user access fees for at least one year (meaning they have to sign up for access directly through Motorola). Contact Motorola for more information at spero@motorolasolutions.com. Additional information can be found at the STARCOM21 website at http://content.motorolasolutions.com/promo/illinois/.
- Maintain the Statewide interoperable template in the radio for the life of the radio, and upgrade the template when applicable.
- Assume all costs of installation and accessories that the agency may want to add and whatever support the agency normally provides to its own radios.
- Receiving agency needs to be a legitimate FCC <u>Part 90</u> eligible county/local public agency.
- IMPORTANT: accept the radio in "as is" working order. It will be the agency's responsibility to program, install and activate on STARCOM21. We have limited supply of accessories such as speakers, cables, power supplies for desktop operation, desk mics, etc. There is no guarantee we will have enough for everyone, but we will provide you what we have in stock, however you can request additional accessories you may need in your justification,
- If your agency is provided a radio(s), you will need to pick up the radio at ILEAS in Urbana.
- Once provided the radios. These radios will now be your agencies property.
- Last, understand that not all equipment requests will be filled. We have a limited supply of
 equipment and will be distributed according to the priorities listed below.

A multi-disciplinary team (law enforcement, fire, emergency management, etc.) of equipment requests evaluators will review the requests by applying the following priorities:

- 1. Multiple agencies seeking to move an entire area or region to STARCOM21 (for instance, a smaller county wants to move to STARCOM21 countywide).
- 2. PSAPs that want to add STARCOM21 capability that currently do not have it.
- 3. Individual agencies that want to move from their current system to STARCOM21.
- 4. A deployable communications trailer or vehicle that is equipped to support events or incidents.
- 5. Individual agencies that are not current STARCOM21 subscribers but want to have a STARCOM21 radio for interoperability with other local agencies or for mutual aid responses.
- 6. Regional or statewide special teams that do not have, or want to expand their STARCOM21 capability.
- 7. Any other reasonable request not listed above will also be considered.

To submit an equipment request:

- 1. Go to the ILEAS website and download the form https://www.ileas.org/communications
- 2. Fill out the Fillable PDF and email to Lori Bell with ILEAS at libell@ileas.org
- 3. Any questions please call me at the number below or Lori Bell at 217.531.0499
- 4. Equipment Requests are <u>due by October 31, 2017</u>
- 5. Announcement of distribution will be by November 15, 2017 (or earlier)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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If you are given the equipment, this is an example of the radio(s) you will be receiving. (The actual radio(s) may be slightly different than the one pictured below).

