

Summary of Mutual Understanding and Agreement Between WISCOM and Milwaukee County

We Mutually Understand that...

- Collaboration between Milwaukee County and WISCOM has been difficult in the past. The lack of collaboration has resulted in a potentially fragmented approach to solving Milwaukee County's needs for a new reliable public safety radio system. Regardless of the outcome, WISCOM and Milwaukee County cannot escape an on-going relationship.
- Waukesha County will proceed with their managed RFP process. They do not intend to slow or stop their process. Vendors who chose not to participate in Waukesha County's bid process will not be allowed participate.
- WISCOM is not currently funded to install and operate local 800 MHz network broadly (countywide) in Milwaukee County. Therefore, local municipalities and agencies signing on to WISCOM will have to purchase and build out the infrastructure through EF Johnson.
- Milwaukee County is not fully funded yet but expected to be so once budget deliberations are completed. Unless other sources of funding are identified, it is likely that Milwaukee County's Public Safety Radio replacement project will take several years. Milwaukee County's current radio system will be operated and maintained until the new system is operational.
- Local municipalities and agencies will be required to replace non-P25 trunking radio handsets regardless of the solution. Neither WISCOM nor Milwaukee County will provide funding for those investments.
- WISCOM will continue to provide 800 MHz services using its technologies in Milwaukee County to those local, State or Federal agencies/organizations requiring that service.
- WISCOM will continue to respond to opportunities to build 800 MHz digital systems in Milwaukee County, where appropriate, to meet the needs of its user agencies.

We Mutually Agree that...

- A digital 800 MHz radio system is the best choice for the County and municipal public safety agencies in Milwaukee County.
- Milwaukee County and WISCOM will collaborate in a positive manner to deliver, manage and support a public safety radio system that meets the requirements of its citizens and agencies.
- Regarding interoperability:
 - Whatever system is selected, WISCOM and Milwaukee County must interoperate.
 - WISCOM's mission is to provide one fully interoperable system across the state of Wisconsin using an interoperability architecture based on industry standards.
 - Milwaukee County's mission is to provide one fully interoperable system across Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties using an interoperability architecture based on industry standards.
 - WISCOM's interoperability across the state is better than the Milwaukee County Solution.

- WISCOM and the Milwaukee County Solutions both offer excellent interoperability within the county.
- Milwaukee County reserves the right to determine its course of action with respect to acquiring a new public radio system. This means that Milwaukee County might continue on its current path with Waukesha County or choose an alternate approach to solving its needs.
- Interoperability is important for all parties and inherent in both the WISCOM and Milwaukee County solutions.
- Funding to build and operate a new radio system, regardless of the specific solution, is not likely to come from the state of Wisconsin.