They also requested the PSAP’s strategic plan/timeline of when they are going to encrypt the mains.

This informational piece will be used to provide clarification and justification to city managers and city council members when agencies are requesting additional budgetary funds to upgrade/replace radios and to prepare their long-range capital plans.

Assistant County Administrator Mark Thompson added that it may be beneficial to provide the agencies with a breakdown of the financial expenditures the county is investing in the system upgrade to show the big picture and that it doesn’t all fall on the cities.

During the December 14th, 2016, the UAB board was going to pick a future date to support encryption that agencies would have as a milestone to purchase encrypted capable radios if they did not already have them.

During the June 14th, 2017 UAB meeting, Curt Meyer and John Gundersen from HCSO provided an update regarding the move toward encryption. As of this date, 70% of Hennepin County Law Agencies were now encrypted. Some could not update their radios until 2018 and some did not have an encryption plan yet. Because radio change management cycle is approximately 3-4 years due to the amount of radios that need to be physically touched, the new encrypted LAW radio mains were being added to radios that were being updated, including the addition of the new LAW4E, which was a newly added LAW main for busy times.

During the September 6th, 2017 UAB Meeting, HCSO Major Jeff Storms discussed the changes and the addition of the 4th main. The move toward encrypting all of the Law mains wasn’t going to be until 2019 until all Law Agencies would have encrypted radios.

During the March 6th, 2019 UAB meeting, a cut-over date to the new encrypted law mains was set for April 10th, 2019. The plan was to patch the new encrypted talkgroup to the old non-encrypted talkgroup while the last of the HCSO radios were updated. On April 20th, there was a patching issues that was identified and the encryption implementation was pushed back with a date TBA and the new date was going to be a hard cutover.

During the September 4th, 2019 UAB meeting, an October cutover date was possible and it was discussed to aim for the middle of October. Emergency Communications Facility (ECF) Director Tony Martin was going to check with...