

# HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF

- **County Administration:** One representative of County Administration will be appointed by the County Administrator, and will be a non-voting member
  - 2019 County Administration Representative
    - Mark Thompson, Assistant County Administrator – Public Safety

In addition to the above 11 voting members, the UAB elects three other non-voting members to provide input:

- **One representative from a municipality which is not dispatched by Hennepin County.**
  - 2019 - VACANT
- **One representative from the Emergency Medical Service Council.**
  - 2019 - VACANT
- **One representative from the Hennepin County Police Standard Operating Procedure Committee**
  - 2019 – Sgt. Rick Denneson, West Hennepin Public Safety Department
- **One representative from the Hennepin County Fire Standard Operating Procedure Committee**
  - 2019 – Chief Rodger Coppa, Plymouth Fire Department

## What information was discussed to encrypt the law mains and when was the decision made?

Encryption has been available in portable and mobile radios since the start of the ARMER radio system in 2003/2004. It was up to each agency if they wanted to purchase encryption for some, all or no radios. but there were encrypted radio channels that could be used. Discussions were started in 2012 during the UAB meetings to utilize more encrypted talkgroups due to social media, scanner apps, etc. It wasn't until December 2015 that the HCSO's goal was to encrypt all of the law mains. It was now that Law Agencies that did not currently have encrypted capable radios that they would need to start planning to obtain encrypted capable radios. Each of these individual agencies would need to budget for the upgrades. This would have been done through their city administrators and city councils.

Below are some specific UAB meetings that encryption was discussed and who brought up each discussion:

During the **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012** UAB meeting, Brooklyn Park Police Deputy Chief Enevoldsen wanted the group to be aware of a web based program called "Sound Board". It is a social media site where they posted sensitive data regarding their recent multiple homicides and a SWAT entry. The sensitive data hit the media within 20 minutes of being aired. He is currently looking for a solution to prevent this from occurring again and asked about encryption. Radio systems manager John Gunderson provided a few encrypted radio facts:

- Encrypted cache radios are available upon request.
- APX comes with ADP encryption. Older radios need hardware added to use encryption.
- The entire radio system will pass encrypted radio signals.
- Adding encryption to an existing radio costs about \$900.00 per radio.

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