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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairs of House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

From: Frank L. Perry, Secretary
Gregory K. Baker, Commissioner

SUBJECT: VIPER Legislative Update for Fourth Quarter 2013

Date: October 1, 2013

Pursuant of Section 16B.5.(b) of Session Law 2013-360, The Department of Public Safety shall report to the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on a quarterly basis on the progress of the State's VIPER system.

Programming/Radio Progress - Programming continues in the eastern part of the state to add P25 templates to the radio code plugs. Target date for radio reprogramming completion remains 31 December 2013. We still have eleven (11) counties that have not upgraded their portable and mobile radio equipment to be P25 ready.

Communications Center Progress/Readiness for P25 Migration – Completed upgrade of Troop B Communications center to P25 consoles on 16 September. This converts all SHP centers with the exception of Troop H (Monroe) to P25. Troop H is scheduled to convert on 18 November at 1000 hrs. The consoles in the State EOC Communications center will also be converted to P25 (part of the large contract) and that work is tentatively scheduled for 14 October at 1000 hrs.

Tower Upgrade Progress –To date the upgrades at Newton, Asheboro DOT and Staley are complete and significant work is underway at Salisbury, Mocksville, Buck Mountain, and Turner Mountain. Requisitions are in the system for seven upgrades and our professional engineering firm, TEP has received the PO's to provide design and post modification inspections for the remaining sites requiring upgrades. Of the 52 sites identified that require an upgrade 18 are in process (underway or awaiting PO). TEP is working to provide ten more site design packages for bid submittal.

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Procurement/Funding Progress – Now that cost centers have been fully setup, procurement is underway. Eight of the above Tower Upgrades have just had purchase orders issued within the past week. The confirming PO for the P25 upgrade has been entered (RQ17162673) This PO will consume \$22,150,163.80 of the \$25M appropriated for P25 upgrade. The balance of \$2,849,836.20 has been set aside for tower upgrades needed to be able to install microwave to support the P25 upgrade, of which \$1,231,586.20 remains unencumbered.

New Tower Construction Progress – We continue to construct new towers supported by Federal Grant funds. New site activations include Warrenton and Roxboro, Fox Mountain, Potato Knob and Rendezvous Mountain on or before 31 October. We are working to provide seven (7) shovel ready tower projects in advance of 1 July, 2014 and the initial year of legislatively appropriated funds for tower construction such that we can immediately move forward when we receive our certified 2014-15 budget.

Position Management – We have compiled the position descriptions for the thirteen (13) legislatively approved positions and nine (9) have been sent to Office of State Personnel (OSP) for approval and the assignment of position numbers.

Infrastructure Migration to P25 Progress/Completion – P25 site upgrade equipment has been received and is being configured to be delivered to each site in advance of the conversion date. All of the microwave equipment necessary to support the P25 protocol has been ordered and will begin to arrive in early November. Installation of the microwave equipment will commence once the equipment is received and the tower upgrades listed above are complete. The overall project P25 timeline to completion remains scheduled for second quarter 2014.