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Online Survey Receives Strong Response

LR Kimball received a strong response to its recently completed online survey of the end-users of the County's Emergency radio system.

A total of 255 law enforcement, firefighters, EMS and municipal officials from throughout Montgomery County completed the survey and indicated a strong commitment to making sure the system meets current and future needs.

Respondents focused on the need to increase in-building coverage and stressed the need to use as much of the existing equipment as possible.

Kimball is the consultant recently hired by the Montgomery County Commissioners to assist the Emergency Dispatch Radio Committee complete its work.

Kimball previously met with focus groups of end-users and the various subcommittees examining improvements to the system. Examining options for procurement and financing the improvements was given a high priority during those meetings.

The committee has given Kimball an aggressive schedule to meet. It is anticipated that a Request for Proposals will be ready to issue by September and vendor selection completed by December. On that schedule, the radio system improvements would be ready to go operational sometime in mid- to late- 2014.

No decisions have been made regarding how the proposed system would be designed or implemented.

-Commissioner Bruce L. Castor, Jr.