Fleet mapping Rescheduled:

Due to some scheduling conflicts, our fleet mapping session has been shifted to May 3, 2012. To help this process move along more efficiently, the county’s technical and operational staff has developed a concept fleet map for our system to operate. Since we’ve been working in a trunked environment, this process is familiar to our team and we anticipate that our initial fleet map will successfully address our needs for staging and cutover. We will confirm the draft document with the engineering team on May 5 and the staging and programming process can begin. As this continues to evolve, we will communicate the plan with the advisory boards to share with the members.

Site acquisitions:

The site debriefing has been completed and revealed that we needed to make some adjustments to equipment placement and proposed heights of antennas and microwave dishes. As a result, we are re-running coverage maps to ensure Motorola can meet the contracted 95% guarantee.

We plan to have one brand new tower site built in Buckingham Township, and we are happy to report we have submitted our first application to the land owner, American Tower, just last week. Site acquisition is our priority focus right now, and we have dedicated one member of the project team to work directly with our consultant on the effort to continue moving us forward. We are currently working on leasing documents for sites in Frenchtown and Hatfield. We are also reviewing site drawings for Nockamixon, Plumsteadville, Buckwampum, and West Rockhill.

Clean up of old sites:

During site development, the County has asked our subcontractor, Pyramid, to complete rust mitigation at five of our existing, county-owned sites. This will be completed as prep for each site commences.

Installation /Removal of equipment:

The installation of radios will be done by Wireless Communications. Price sheets are available to agency chiefs upon request. If your agency requests that Wireless Communications remove existing radios while in the process of the install please advise us by Friday 5/25/2012. The pricing we have received for this is as follows:

- For dash mounted radios: $125 per vehicle.
- For trunk mounted radios: $165 per vehicle.

Fire Company Demonstrations:

The Fire Advisory Board is working with the project team to secure dates in May for equipment demonstrations around the county. Look for this information to be disseminated by 5/2/2012.
As mentioned in the last report, the county will provide subscriber recommendations to the emergency services community for radios and accessories. These recommendations will be provided by 5/9/2012.