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Palmetto 800 Users,

For several years we have reminded you to make the necessary P25 digital upgrades or replacement for your radios. The State has decided to extend its contract with Motorola for the P25 upgrade of the Palmetto 800 Network (Pal8). The State and Motorola are in the final contract discussions for the upgrading and expansion Palmetto 800 Network to P25.

YOU ONLY HAVE TWO (2) BUDGET CYCLES REMAINING TO COMPLETE YOUR RADIO UPGRADES OR REPLACEMENTS AND RADIO REPROGRAMING.

PALMETTO 800 P25 TRANSITION TIMELINES:

July 1, 2015 – Begin development of P25 radio templates and radio programming

December 31, 2016 – All Palmetto 800 radio must be upgraded to P25

January 1, 2017 – Palmetto 800 sites will begin migration to P25

The P25 upgrade requires every radio to be reprogrammed with the new P25 system information, new radio IDs and P-25 talkgroups IDs. It is critical that your agency radios are upgraded to support the P25 digital technology prior to January 31, 2016. A significant number of agencies have already completed their radio upgrades and are ready for reprogramming. We still have around 25% of Pal8 user radios that need to be upgraded or replaced depending on the age and model of the radio.

It is critical that you review your agency's radio inventory NOW to determine what steps will be needed to upgrade your radios. Your Motorola radio representatives should be able to help you evaluate the upgrades required for your agency's radios.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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