# Radio Projects Status

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### **Current Projects**

- \* Statewide Interoperable Communication Grant Round 3
  - \* Microwave Network
  - \* Interoperable Radio System
- \* Tappan Zee Interop System
- \* Guard Hill Refurbish
- \* BIT 32 Trunk System Replacement

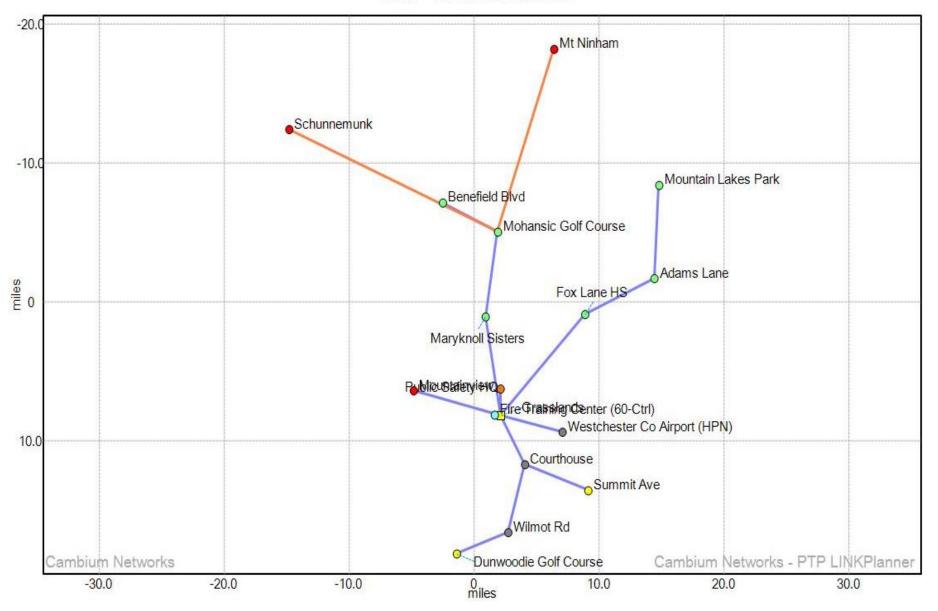
# National Interoperability Systems

- FCC Designated Frequencies
  - LFIRE4D
    - 45.88 MHz Simplex (County to County Comms)
  - VTAC
    - 12 Channels Authorized
    - WC building 3 Channel, Countywide System
  - UTAC
    - 4 Channels Authorized
    - WC operating a 3 Channel, Countywide System
  - 7TAC (Digital only)
    - 32 Channels Authorized
    - WC Future Construction
  - 8TAC
    - 8 Channels Authorized
    - No Construction Plans

### Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant SICG Round 3

- Funding
  - NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES)
  - DES obtained award of \$5,991,125.
  - Completion Required by December 2014, with Extension to December 2015.
- Scope
  - Implement a Microwave Network as backup to Lightpath Fiber Network
  - Implement a First Responder Communication System via the VTAC National Interoperability Channels
  - Establish Connectivity among Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, and Orange Counties
- Status
  - Preliminary Requirements and Budgets Developed in September 2013
    - Microwave Network
    - VTAC System
  - Project Plan Developed to Combine Project Management of SICG and BIT32
    - Established Steering Committee and Project Team
    - Identified Critical Items
  - Working with a Prospective Vendor to Refine the Project's Scope and Cost
    - Revised Proposal due Oct 20, 2014
- Renew and Extend Agreements with Site Owners
  - Adams Lane, Fox Lane, Mt Lakes, Wilmot Road, Maryknoll, Benefield Blvd, Summit Avenue

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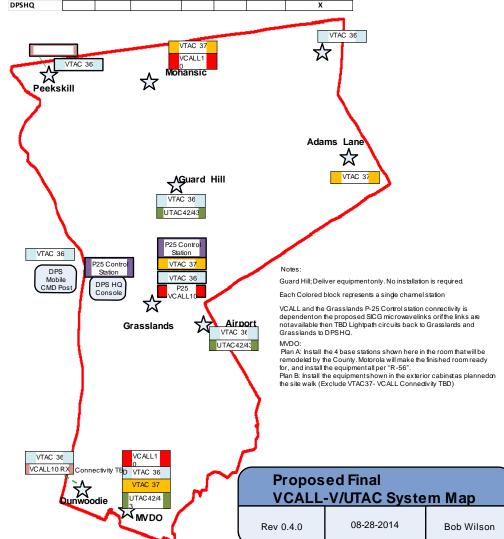




#### Stations VCALL P25 VCALL VCALL-RX Only VTAC36 VTAC37 UTAC42/4: P-25 Control Station

Airport				x		X	
AdamsLane					X		
Dunwoodie			х	Х			
Grasslands		х		х	X	X	X
Guard Hill				х		X	
<b>Mountian Lakes</b>				Х			
Mohansic	Х				X		
MVDO	Х			Х	X	Х	
Peekskill			х	Х			
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### Tappan Zee Bridge Interop System





• Waiting for Approval from TZ Construction

# Guard Hill

- Relocate DES Fire & EMS Radios from NW Hospital
  - Obtain Better Coverage for Fire & EMS
  - Eliminate Tie Line Charges
- DPW Retained Tectonic Engineering for Site Design
- Bedford & County Signed a Short Term Agreement for Site Access
  - Tectonic Engineering
  - County
- Statement of Work
  - Replace Existing Tower
  - Replace Generator
  - Add Automatic Transfer Switch and New Electrical Panels
  - Add Antennas
  - Relocate Radios from Hospital
- Current Status
  - DoIT Completed Project Plan and Procurement Specifications
  - Tectonic Completed Preliminary Drawings
  - Tectonic Agreement Amended to Extend Duration
  - Construction Date Not Set

# Near Term Challenges

- Most Radio Infrastructure Will Reach End of Life DEC 2018
  Fire/EMS/DOT UHF Trunk System
  - \* ( a Control Dispotch/Doging System
  - \* 60 Control Dispatch/ Paging System
  - \* County Police Dispatch and Interop System (F1/F3)
  - \* Transportation CAD/AVL System
- \* T-Band Frequencies will be withdrawn in 2023
  - Current Law Says All Public Safety Must Vacate These Frequencies
  - \* 11 Metropolitan Areas
- \* Paging System Modernization and Expansion

## Fire, EMS, DOT Radio System Replacement (BIT 32)

#### \* Approved for \$30M Over 5 Years

- \* Fire/EMS/Transportation UHF Trunk System
- \* 60 Control Dispatch/Fire Paging System
- \* County Police Dispatch and Interop System (F1/F3)
- \* Voice Portion of Transportation CAD/AVL System
- \* Interdepartmental Management
  - \* DES
  - \* DPS
  - \* DPW&T
  - \* Law
  - \* Parks
  - \* Finance
  - \* Planning
  - \* DoIT (Project Management)

# Replacement System Technical Considerations

- Public Safety Standard is P25 Digital Radio
  - \* Uses Internet Protocol (IP) for Inter-site Connectivity
  - IP Carried on Lightpath Fiber with Microwave as a Backup
- 700 MHz P25 Trunk Radio System
  - \* 20 Frequency Pairs Licensed for County Use (10 North & 10 South)
    - \* Two Talk Channels per Pair
    - \* 36 Channel Equivalent (Two Channels are Control)
  - \* Mobile In-Street Coverage Requires Additional Sites
  - \* Handheld In-Building Coverage Requires Many More Sites
- \* 470 MHz Trunk UHF (T-Band) P25 Radio System
  - \* 12 Frequency Pairs Licensed for County Use (6 North & 6 South)
    - \* Two Talk Channels per Pair
    - \* 20 Channel Equivalent (Two Channels are Control)
  - \* Mobile In-Street Coverage with Existing Sites
  - \* Handheld In-Building Coverage Requires Additional Sites
- \* Fire Ground Frequencies Remain Unchanged

# Replacement System Logistical Considerations

#### \* FCC Licensing

- \* 700 MHz May Need Relicensing
- \* UHF Expansion (If Congress Reconsiders the Law)

#### \* Site Acquisition

- \* Site Selection
- Public Hearings
- \* Site Owner Agreements

#### \* Site Construction

- Vendor Selection
- \* Permitting
- \* Environmental
- System Implementation
  - \* Vendor Selection
  - \* System Design
  - Installation & Testing
  - \* User Migration

\* Current Trunk System Took Over Seven Years to Design & Implement

## Next Steps

- \* Steering Committee and Project Team Established
- \* Public Safety Consultant To Be Hired
  - \* Analyze External Influences
  - \* Analyze Current & Future County Radio Needs
  - \* Make Recommendations
  - \* Prepare Request For Bid
- \* Agreements with Site Owners
- \* Evolution of Ground Ops Channels & Paging