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**COMMAND NET**

- The Central Maryland Area Radio Communications (CMARC) network provides seamless interoperability to users of 800 MHz radios programmed for region-wide use of one national mutual aid calling channel and four mutual aid tactical channels.
- Baltimore City Fire Chief William Goodwin, chair of the Baltimore Urban Area Work Group, conceived of Command Net to enable Incident Commanders from multiple jurisdictions to communicate.
- In developing CMARC, the Project Team determined that additional radios were needed by a number of jurisdictions for Command Net to be effective.
- Approximately \$700,000 of a \$915,000 Urban Area Security Initiative grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through MEMA, was allocated to Command Net.
- The initial bid request yielded a proposal to provide 212 radio sets.
- Howard County was in the process of purchasing 800 MHz radios with its own funding, and offered to piggy-back the Command Net procurement onto its own contract with Motorola.
- Command Net received an additional 72 radios, for a total of 284, through this cooperative procurement.
- The radios were distributed as follows:
  - City of Annapolis 10
  - Baltimore City 64
  - Baltimore County 111
  - Carroll County 64
  - Harford County 35
- All radios are Motorola, configured to meet the exacting needs of each jurisdiction.
- All radios are 700 MHz ready.