Partnership

COMLINC 2.0 is a state funded interoperability partnership with the Commonwealth's localities.

The partnership includes the COMLINC Advisory Group (CAG) composed of local, regional, and state representatives. The CAG advises the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) composed of state-wide interoperability leaders. The SIEC advises localities, regions, the Governor & General Assembly.

Partnering with stakeholders throughout the state, the CAG will lead development of Standard Operating Procedures, prioritize the technology refresh & training site selection, and advise sustainment requirements.

COMLINC 2.0 by the numbers

Units:

- Localities: 124
- State Agencies: 8
- Universities: 4
- Regional hospitals: 6
- Communication Cache: 5

Funding:

- Technology Refresh $4M
- Spares $265K
- Expansion: $1.6M
- Training: $400K
- Technicians: $225K
- Annual Adjustments: $10K
- Total: $6.5M

Start Date: January 2020
Finish Date: December 2022

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COMLINC 2.0

Commonwealth's Link to Interoperability

In the past year, COMLINC has connected first responders working to protect the community during events like natural disasters, missing-person searches, a train derailment, and supporting public events like the Virginia State Fair. COMLINC unites the professionals who work to keep our Commonwealth safe by providing a reliable connection when it is needed most.

What is the COMLINC Technology Refresh?

COMLINC 2.0 will upgrade RIOS :

- Operating system
- Servers
- Client Workstations

This technology refresh will solve:

- Reliability
- Usability
- Sustainability short falls
- Cyber Security

The technology refresh and distribution will arm communicators with interoperability that is reliable, agile, and adaptable—every day.

As technologies advance, Virginia will seek the best solutions for the future.

Is training available for COMLINC ?

- $400,000 training investment
- 4 full-time COMLINC trainers
- Training curriculum
- Routine usage standards
- Exercise plans

Training will be incorporated with the refresh. Delivery will be tailored to best meet the needs of local participants.

COMLINC will be incorporated into local & state exercises.

Through dedicated training, routine usage, and exercises, COMLINC will become an interoperability tool that is ready and reliable—every day.

How will we sustain COMLINC?

Funding for the COMLINC refresh and sustainment is the state's responsibility

- $6.5M technology investment
- Training
- Statewide distribution
- 4 dedicated full-time technicians

COMLINC is a public safety and public trust program. The best sustainable solutions will always be pursued.