

# Regional Public Safety Radio System

Charlotte, Sarasota & Manatee  
Counties

# Proposed Tri-county Regional Radio System Goals

- Ensure inter-county first responders' interoperability
- Shared governance to build a common operational road map to the future
- Cooperative federal & state grant applications to increase funding probability
- Individual counties maintain sufficient autonomy to meet their operational needs and controls

# Benefits to a Next Generation Regional Radio System

- Increase public safety communications reliability by replacing end-of-life cycle radio systems infrastructure and field users equipment.
- Implement roaming radio communications interoperability across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Take advantage of potential cost savings through a common technology network, cooperative purchasing & shared common resources, i.e., tower sites, licenses, core system.

# Current Sarasota & Manatee Planning Activities

- Manatee and Sarasota Counties have formed a Project Team for the planning, design and implementation of an inter-governmental Public Safety Radio System.
- Conducting bi-weekly project planning sessions.
- Creating a joint governance model.
- Finalizing a joint request for proposal to contract with a radio consultant to assist in planning, designing and implementing a regional radio system.
- Proposed planning & implementation time frame 1.5 to 2 years:
  - Contract with radio consultant – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013
  - Contract with radio vendor – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013
  - Construct and turn up system – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2014

- Support and authorize Charlotte County staff to meet with Sarasota and Manatee County for the purposes of developing a plan to include Charlotte County in the formation of a Charlotte/Manatee/Sarasota County Regional Public Safety Radio System to leverage the Goals and Benefits presented today.