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## STARCOM21 Advisory Sub-Committee:

Effingham County recommends Abbott EMS of Illinois for use of the appropriate STARCOM talk groups within the County of Effingham. Abbott EMS is the primary 911 emergency ambulance service for the County as well as the provider for both emergency and non-emergency ambulance transportation for all healthcare facilities. Incorporating the STARCOM platform into the Abbott system increases their ability to communicate with local and state emergency management, 911 public-safety answering points (PSAPs) and other resources.

As I understand it, Abbott EMS will follow protocols as outlined in the Illinois Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP), Illinois Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) and STARCOM21 Interoperability Radio Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), as written, as part of the ITTF Interoperable Communications charter and any future guidance developed for this program. Abbott EMS will be given copies of these plans and procedures upon delivery and installation of equipment.

Abbott EMS understands that the STARCOM21 system is to be utilized for EMS related activity. Effingham County believes that the STARCOM21 system will be an effective resource to improve response times and enhance public safety in the County. We are glad to be a partner in such an endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

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