

Florida plans to deliver L3Harris EDACS-P25 devices to SLERS users during next year

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Many Florida first responders that use the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) in the next year are scheduled to receive new L3Harris devices that will support communications on existing EDACS system and the upcoming P25 network, as well as interoperate with FirstNet. Matt Matney, public safety bureau chief for the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) division of state technology, today told members of SLERS Joint Task Force Technical Committee that the state reached an agreement with L3Harris, although details will not be shared until the contract is "finalized" by the state's general counsel. Florida public-safety agencies subscribing to SLERS repeatedly have reiterated the need to replace aging EDACS mobile and portable radios, and Matney said this was priority in the legislative and contract negotiations with L3Harris. State officials plan to have new radios installed by the end of the state's current fiscal year—June 30, 2022—that are designed let agencies transition smoothly from the existing EDACS EA system to the statewide P25 network that L3Harris will be building, Matney said.

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