



SARSAT Overview

Transition of Lead Federal Agency

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SARSAT Transition

- **Leadership Roles and Responsibilities**
- **Recent Actions & Accomplishments**
- **Business Processes**
- **Look Ahead**



USCG - Program Management
General program/process management,
external affairs,
RCC Liaison, requirements, data analytics, legal

NASA - Engineering & Technical
Engineering, system development, technical authority support

NOAA – Operations
Operations and maintenance of ground systems, USMCC, Beacon
Registration

Air Force/Space Force
Operations, alert monitoring, GPS Satellite ops, inland SAR



Leadership Transition Accomplishments

USCG Assumed International Lead

- Mr. Layne Carter - Program Manager & US Rep to ICSP

Finalized PMO Foundation Documents

- Program Management Plan
- Board Charters & Process Refinement

Established Battle Rhythm

- PMO Weekly Meeting
- Program Control, Engineering, Risk Mgmt Boards

Established Technical Baseline

- Facilitated & supported by PMO entities

Overhauled Action Item Tracker

- All entries validated to support PMO goals & processes



PMO Change Management Processes

Board of Directors



- Oversight to protect Stakeholder investments
- Maintain awareness of SARSAT Program health
- Provide guidance on National-level policy Issues
 - ❖ Not involved with daily operations
- USCG, NASA, NOAA, & USAF representation

Program Control Board



- Addresses changes to programmatic baseline
- Led by Program Manager or Deputy (USCG)
- Evaluates risk, cost, operational advantages, legal ramifications & timeline

Engineering Review Board



- Addresses changes to technical baseline
- Led by Technical Director (NASA)
- Evaluates risk, cost, technical advantages, & consequences
- ERB packages go to Program Control Board

Risk Management Board



- Continuous Risk Management
- Risks are identified, scored, & tracked
- Reviews mitigation options
- Supports Risk-Informed Decision Making

SARSAT Innovation & Modernization Committee



- Strategic foresight, assesses the viability and potential impact of emerging technologies
- Promotes a culture of innovation
- Led by Deputy (USCG)



Look Ahead

- **Continued focused efforts on false alert reduction**
 - **Where to focus stakeholder engagement – Data Driven Decisions**

- **Hiring of beacon manager**



Questions?

Additional Resources:
www.navcen.uscg.gov/sarsat
www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov



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