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It's been another productive two weeks of hard work for everyone involved in bringing DaneCom to life! Some pictures of that progress are included in this update – including pictures of one of the concrete tower equipment shelters being suspended in the air by a crane. Not something you get to see every day!

It's getting very close to the time that you should begin to reach out to your radio programmers about your radio and/or DaneCom programming needs. If you haven't reached out to them recently, it would be a good idea to get in touch with them to ensure you have your radio needs met and your programmers have any updated information they may need from you to facilitate programming your radios for DaneCom.

Your DaneCom radio programmers will have the information needed to properly program radios shortly after Memorial Day. **All radios that you want to operate on DaneCom will require programming even if you had them programmed for DaneCom in the past.** This is due to new radio frequencies and system parameters associated with the DaneCom P25 radio subsystem.

Said another way: **Your radios must be re-programmed by a radio programmer sometime after Memorial Day or your radios will not work if you plan on using DaneCom for your wireless two-way communication needs.** The balance of DaneCom radio subsystems are ahead of their completion schedule. ***There is a good possibility that we will be looking at a date near Halloween, rather than Thanksgiving, for system cutover.*** Don't wait until it's too late to get your radios ready to be used on the new DaneCom radio system!

Now, onto the pictures showing some of the progress being made:

Stoughton – AT&T



- (Left) Crane holding the shelter, suspended in the air
- (Right) Shelter set on the truck for transport to the Rockdale Tower Site
- Emergency generator and propane tank also moved from here to Rockdale
- This site has been decommissioned and will no longer be used for DaneCom (saving monthly lease costs for this particularly expensive location)
- The new Rockdale and Stoughton water tower sites are being used to better serve areas that were previously served by this tower site – and beyond

Rockdale



- Here's the shelter pictured above about to be set in place at it's new home at the Rockdale site



- Another photo as the shelter is finally put into place

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- New tower construction has begun! Note the 'old' tower immediately next to the new one being erected with the help of a crane
- Equipment racks and DC power system are in place (shelter is currently staged at GenComm)

Brigham

- RF (radio) racks and equipment are in the process of being installed / racked
- DC power system to be installed soon (much of the DaneCom equipment is powered with DC power, rather than the AC power that is available in your home).

DeForest

- Radio Equipment room has been constructed
- Modifications to the existing radio tower to resume 5/23 (the tower height is being increased)

Although it may seem like October or November is a long time away from now, it will be here before you know it. Please reach out to your radio programmers soon to ensure a smooth, timely transition from our old, legacy countywide radio systems to DaneCom.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me and/or your radio programmers.

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