

PATCH 20 COMING IN JANUARY 2025

RMS 22.2.6 patch 20 is slated to be installed to production on January 14th, 2025. This patch will resolve the OIBRS issues with 2921.51 (Impersonation of peace officer) and 2921.36A2 (Illegal conveyance of weapons, drugs or other prohibited items onto a detention facility). This patch will also resolve the issues that sometimes occur when the driver is not the owner of a vehicle in a crash form. This was fixed once, however, patch 19 broke it again.

REMINDER: If your agency has reports in this status REVIEW, IN PROGRESS, or REJECTED under the Report Administration, they will not be counted as your end-of-the-year reports. Please consider looking at what you have opened and closing these cases if possible. *Questions, please reach out to **Rhonda Bernard***



WINDOWS AND MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS/LAPTOPS TECH BULLETIN UPDATE - [CLICK HERE](#)

It is time to start thinking about Mobile Data Computer/MDC (MDC – any mobile device with a Windows OS (operating system) that connects to the PSN (Public Safety Network) via VPN (Netmotion) and their future with the upcoming Windows 11.

The end date for Telecom's use of Windows 10 will be July 31, 2025.

We will not begin Windows 11 installation until 2025. With Windows 11, there are restrictions coming from Microsoft that cannot be upgraded on existing hardware.

As it stands, the CF-19, CF-31, CF-20 MK 1, CF33-MK 1, and the G1 are not supported by the Windows 11 processor requirement. Current models that support upgrading to Windows 11 are CF-20 Mk2, CF-33 Mk2 FZ-55, G2 Surface pro's 6, 7, 8. Philip Bomer will be following up with individual department emails containing MDC lists of what is and isn't supported.

Here are the current systems from Panasonic Toughbook line:

- G2-CF20 replacement [CLICKHERE](#)
- CF-33 [CLICK HERE](#)
- FZ-55 [CLICK HERE](#)
- CF-40 - Fully-rugged FZ-55 (No one has yet)



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HONORING SHERIFF LARRY SIMS

RETIREMENT FLAG CEREMONY

On December 20, 2024, Warren County Telecom honored Sheriff Larry Sims at the "Retirement Flag Ceremony". It was conducted by the Warren County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard.

Sheriff Sims retired with 46+ Years in Law Enforcement. He started with the Warren County Sheriff's Office in 2000. He has 24+ years with Warren County. He was elected and became Sheriff on January 5, 2009!



Pictures taken by Telecom's Community Manager, Lisa Hicks

RETIREMENT PARTY

That same day, Warren County Telecom also took time to say "thank you" to Sheriff Larry Sims at his retirement party. He has been a mentor, friend and an honorable man to so many! Telecom wishes him the very best in his retirement with his family and loved ones. He will be missed!



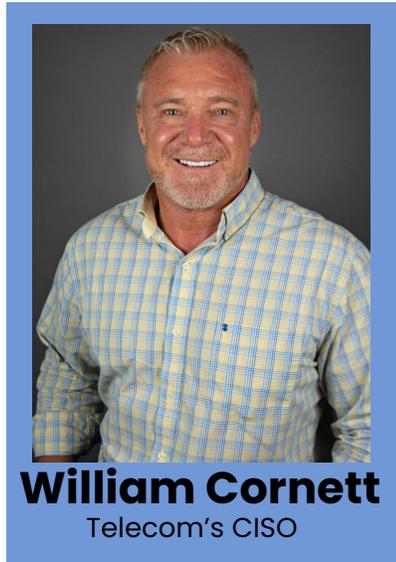
LOCAL CISO DONATES BALLISTIC ARMOR TO PROTECT K9 UNITS

In a gesture of community support and commitment to public safety, William Cornett, the Chief Information Security Officer of Warren County Telecom, donated four ballistic K9 armor vests to the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Noah Billmaier, a K9 handler, was on hand with his partner, Deputy Hendrix, to receive the gift. The vests are designed to provide bullet and stab protection for the dogs, who often face the same risks as their human counterparts while on duty.

Mr. Cornett's contribution stems from a lifelong devotion to public service. His journey began with the U.S. Air Force right after high school, followed by a distinguished career in the Ohio Air National Guard, where he retired as a master sergeant. In 2015, he channeled his passion for service into entrepreneurship by founding a body armor business that catered primarily to law enforcement and fire rescue teams.

Now focused on his role at Warren County Telecom, Cornett decided to close his business and donate the remaining armor stock to the sheriff's department. "Our K9 units are invaluable members of the law enforcement community; it's an honor to ensure they have the best protection available," said Cornett.

The donated vests will be distributed among the department's canine units, enhancing their safety in the field. Sheriff Barry Riley expressed gratitude for Cornett's generosity. This donation ensures that the K9s, like Deputy Hendrix, can continue their important work with an added layer of protection, highlighting the community's commitment to the safety of those who serve and protect.



William Cornett
Telecom's CISO



Pictured above (left to right): Deputy Noah Billmaier, K9 Unit and William Cornett, Telecom's CISO



AUXCOMM AMATEUR RADIO TESTING

The AuxComm team depends heavily on trained Amateur Radio Operators for its team members and to fulfill its mission. To support the needs of the team and to help the community, AuxComm has formed a Volunteer Examiner (VE) team and offers Amateur Radio testing. Test sessions are open to all. It is not necessary to be an AuxComm team member.

Come and take your Amateur Radio test on Saturday, January 25, 2025, starting at 2pm at the Massie Twp Fire Station in Harveysburg. This testing session will be in conjunction with the Winter Field Day nationwide Amateur Radio disaster preparedness exercise. Operators as well as those testing and those interested in becoming an operator are welcome to visit and participate. A license is not required to attend. Radio operations are expected to start at noon.

For the latest information on the Warren County AuxComm VE Team testing sessions, visit the Laurel VEC website: <https://larc-vec.org/displayteam.php?team=WCAVET>

For questions on testing email exams@wc8ema.org.

Unlicensed individuals wishing to learn more about Amateur Radio, find free training and practice tests and more will find a wealth of information online. A few of many examples:

- QRZ.com - <https://QRZ.com> - offers practice testing, callsign lookup, discussion and education forums and logbook
- Ham Radio Prep - <https://hamradioprep.com/> - offers free practice tests as well as paid training courses. Has an excellent app.
- Amateur Radio Relay League - <https://www.arrl.org/licensing-education-training> - a broad spectrum of Amateur Radio information



Pictured above: Our AuxComm Unit and Telecom Volunteers, who worked at the Lebanon Horse Drawn Carriage parade on December 7, 2024

MEET NEW TELECOM AUXCOMM MEMBER | BRIAN BATHE

Before coming to Telecom, I worked with: I've been working in information technology for over three decades, starting as a software developer and I am now CTO for a mid-market vehicle fleet management company. My primary concentrations have been in Infrastructure and Software Development for SaaS solutions.

My education and industry training include: I graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, I never worked in this field but the analytical and problem solving skills it developed were keys to my success.

Key skills I plan to utilize here at Telecom include: I am a highly technical person and still love learning and solving hard problems. Along with this, the organizational and leadership skills I have honed over my career will help us do great things.

In my spare time, I spend time with: My wife, dogs, cats, goats, chicken, and geese. We moved to Lebanon so we could grow our collection of pets!

A fun fact about me is: Normally I answer this by talking about my interest in electronics and Amateur Radio! I'm also an avid hunter of waterfowl and big game.



Brian Bathe
Since November 2024



TELECOM WORK ANNIVERSARIES!



Jeremiah Marcum
7 Years at Telecom!



Joshua Moyer
8 Years at Telecom!



Dustin Flint
19 Years at Telecom!

TELECOM IS HIRING!

- Communications Systems Analyst 1
- Infrastructure Systems Technician

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WARREN COUNTY TELECOM "GIVES BACK" DURING THE HOLIDAYS!

Every year, in late fall, Telecom puts in a basket for the **Warren County Annual Basket Raffle**. This year, spearheaded by Telecom's very own Administrative Assistant, Jessica Johnson, Telecom put in a grill cart, grilling tool set and a Kroger gift card!

Warren County was able to raise **\$2,937.10** from the Basket Raffle - half will go to Children Services and half will go to the Lebanon Food Pantry during the Holiday season.

It is always so inspiring how our Telecom Team and County employees are so generous!

#weworkforagreatcounty



WARREN COUNTY BASKET RAFFLE

TELECOM'S BASKET "GRILL CART"

Contents:

- Grill Cart
- Grilling "Tool Set"
- \$80.00 Kroger Gift Card

Total Value: \$310.00

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Pictured above (left to right): Telecom's Administrative Assistants Jessica Johnson and Kim McKinney

Telecom also participates in "**Operation Christmas Teen**" through Children's services for children who are less fortunate during the holidays. All of Telecom participated in donations. We were so lucky to provide a teenage boy such a wonderful Christmas!

#communityworkforkids

OPERATION CHRISTMAS TEEN

This season - "let's spread joy, help a teen who is struggling, teach generosity and expand our perspective"

DEADLINE TO BRING SOMETHING IN - DEC 2, 2024

QUESTIONS?
See Jessica Johnson

See spreadsheet to "sign up"! Thank you for your generosity!



#TCKudos

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Thank you for.....

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#TCKUDOS

#TCKudos Recognition! Kudos are for above-and-beyond actions taken by a Telecom team member or someone Telecom interacts with. They can be submitted throughout the year via our website or a physical card at our office. #TCKudos are then posted on our Kudos Board all month long before being tallied and delivered! If you receive a #TCKudos, we'll send it to the employee and their Supervisor/Department Head.

If you know of someone from Telecom that has gone over and above—please take the time to nominate them!

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TELECOM "FRIENDSGIVING"

Every December, current and alumni Telecom Team members take their lunchtime to celebrate past and present wins. It is a great time to celebrate each other and all that Telecom Stands for! Gary Estes shares all of the great things that we have accomplished while we eat and have a "white elephant" gift exchange.

#culturewins #wearetelecom #weareworkfamily



HAPPY
"NEW YEAR"
FROM

