

Information Sharing

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Jefferson/Broomfield County Information Sharing System

- Arvada
- Golden
- Lakewood
- Adams County
(New Partner)
- Westminster
- Wheat Ridge
- Broomfield County
- Jefferson County

9/11 Commission Report

- The 9/11 report clearly indicates that information sharing is critical
 - The biggest impediment to all-source analysis – to a greater likelihood of connecting the dots – is the human or systemic resistance to sharing information.
 - Examples abound about how information could have been shared had people asked, or had systems been in place to identify information.
 - Need to move toward a need to share information culture

(From the 9/11 commission report)

9/11 Commission Report

- Information procedures should provide incentives for sharing, to restore a better balance between security and shared knowledge.
 - Information should be shared horizontally, across new networks that transcend individual agencies
 - Create searchable databases across agency lines. Use information rights management as a tool to control access to data
 - These issues mainly concern the federal government, but clearly it is the officers on the street who are most likely to encounter these individuals.
 - ❖ Terrorists from 9/11
 - ❖ Timothy McVeigh
 - ❖ Atlanta Bomber (Randolph)

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Local Direction

- Jefferson County Sheriff and Chief's direct that information sharing system be constructed
- Directed that all agencies in the county work together to solve information sharing problem
- Create a system that at implementation will be at no cost to each individual agency

Group Formation

- All Jefferson County agencies
- Discussed who else needed to be involved
- Present needs
- Future of system

Initial Project Vision

- To research, acquire, and implement a Jefferson County-wide, multi-agency records management data sharing system that will allow law enforcement officers the ability to search and analyze information contained in disparate databases for information relevant to criminal investigations or for other official law enforcement purposes.

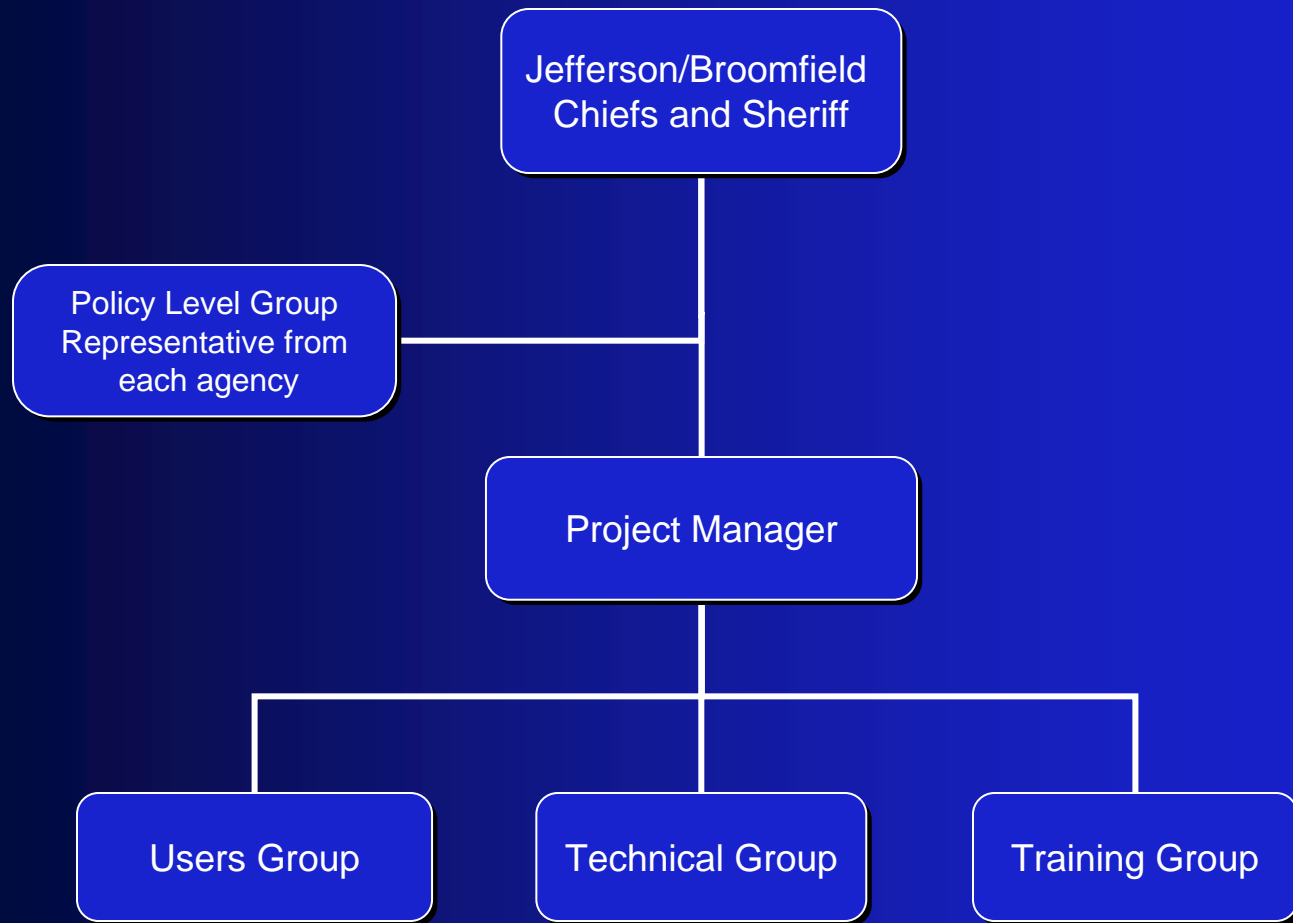
Project Scope

- Initial project to include a data sharing system for all Jefferson County agencies
- Expandable to other jurisdictions in the future
- In the future, include other public safety partners, i.e., EMS, Fire, etc.
- Construct a system capable of taking advantage of future technology development
- Acquire necessary and adequate financing
- Develop a management structure for proper system management
- Develop a training program for the system

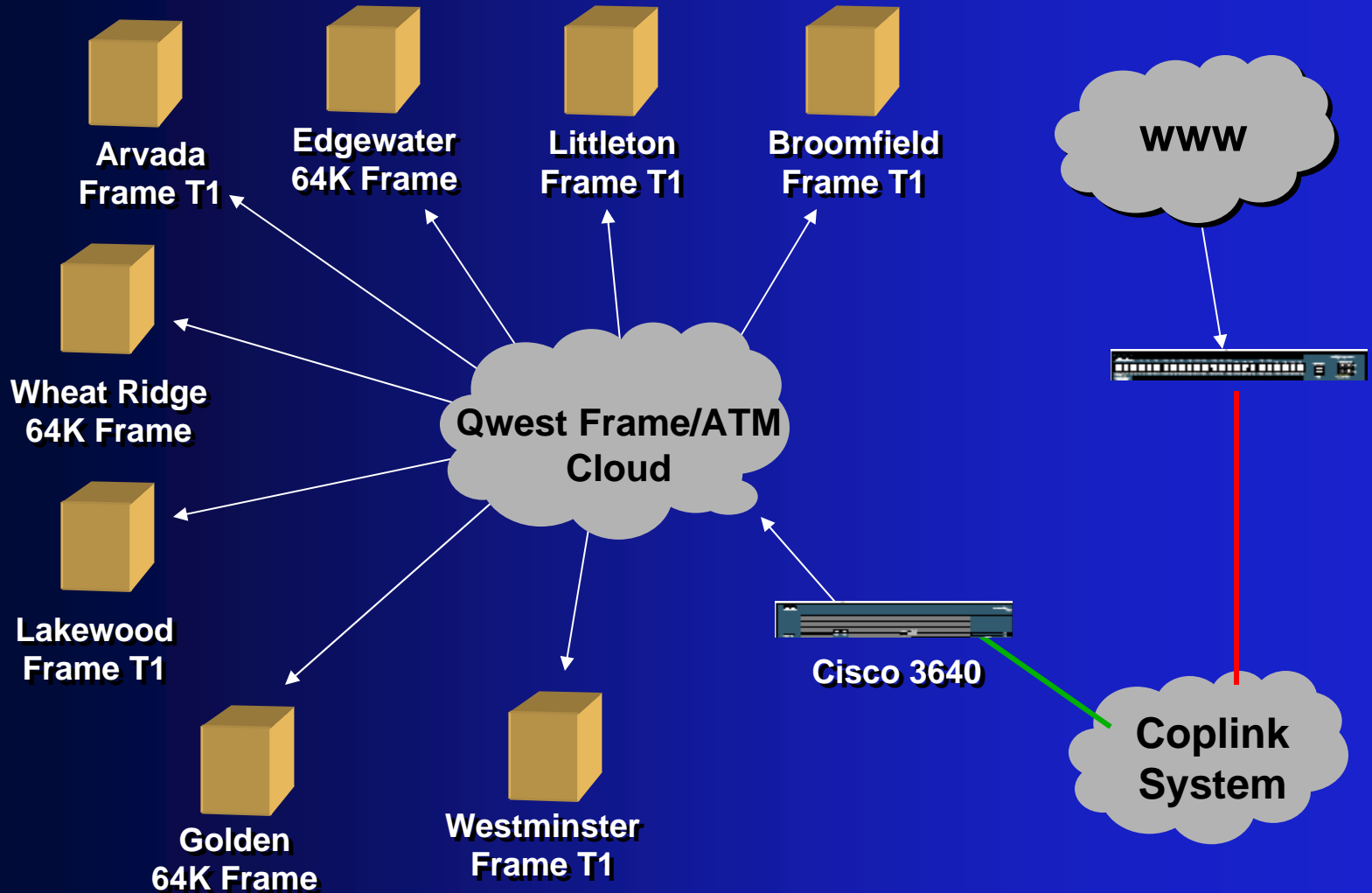
Examined Products Available

- Coplink
- ARGIS in San Diego
- Other commercial products
- Presentation by Des Moines, Iowa
- Discussion with Alaska consortium

Organization Structure



Network



Software



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Software

- Visit
 - www.coplink.net
 - www.knowledgecc.com
- Sites using COPLINK
 - State of Alaska
 - State of Massachusetts
 - Des Moines, IA metro area
 - Southern California
 - Tucson/Phoenix metro areas
 - Jefferson/Broomfield Counties (coming soon. . .)
- Connectivity with other nodes/systems

Politics



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Politics/Barriers

- Agreement to begin project
- Agreement as to:
 - System structure
 - ❖ Various IT Departments
 - ❖ Security, etc
 - Software selection
 - ❖ Due diligence
 - Network structure
 - ❖ Final configuration
 - ❖ Network System Architects, Inc
 - Financing
 - ❖ Grant requirements
 - ❖ Ties to funding
 - ❖ Controversial funding issues

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Politics/Barriers

- Memorandum of Understanding
 - 9 legal advisors
 - 9 police departments
 - 1 system
- Rules of engagement
 - Actual sharing of the data
 - What is submitted by whom?
 - Who owns the data?
 - What happens if someone violates rules?

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Politics/Barriers

- Signing contracts
 - All involved want a piece
 - Who takes responsibility?
 - Why should I sign?
- On-going Management/Oversight
 - Territorial issues
 - Allowing other users
 - Future of system

Future of Project

- Ability to connect metro area together
- Multiple state connection
- Connection with other systems from other vendors
- Better information sharing
- Breaking down barriers
- What's our goal anyway?

Where We Are Today

- Jeffco Node operational now for 1 year
- Funded at no cost to consortium members
- State-wide information sharing project underway
- Additional agencies joining Jeffco node
- Technological expansion of node

From the Project Manager

- **Success Factors**
- **Lessons Learned**

#1 Success Factor

Why did this project succeed
when so many other
good projects don't?

CEO Mandate

Lots of Chiefs and Sheriffs

Don't try to get them to set aside egos . . .

USE THEM!

“I'm more behind this project than you!”

“It was all my idea, I started this!”

Lessons Learned

- Shared Vision – why are we doing this?
- Due Diligence
 - Get Educated!
 - Multiple Vendors and Solutions
 - Invite Current Users – Do Site Visits
- Full Time Project Manager
- #2 Success Factor: Quality, *enthusiastic* trainer(s)



QUESTIONS?

