

Use of Existing PCs Preparation and Performance Requirements

Issues

With the experience that has been gained through working with the sites that have been added to the VIBRS network, it has become clear that defined requirements are needed for using existing equipment at sites. Use of existing equipment is really a choice of the local site as long as the systems are properly prepared.

Prepared in this context refers to the operating system and components installed and operating at the point the units are turned over to us to bring on the network.

Commitments from both groups, DPS-CJS and the local site, will allow the existing equipment to operate on the VIBRS network.

With the limited staffing at DPS, we are forced to adopt strict guidelines so as to be able to support the sheer numbers of PCs and their associated sites. We have been spending inordinate amounts of time trying to bring existing PCs on line. Clearly it is advantageous for the sites to use existing equipment. Where possible, with efforts by both groups, we would like to support that use.

Recommended minimal performance level:

- Pentium II
- 32 megabytes of memory
- 1 gigabyte of hard disk storage

Acceptable equipment configuration:

- CD-ROM
- 10/100Bt Ethernet Network interface card

Acceptable preparation level:

- Windows95 or Windows98
- 200 megabytes of free space
- TCP/IP must be the primary network protocol

The net effect is that a reasonable amount of effort is required from the local site and from DPS-CJS to allow existing equipment to be utilized.