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SIEC Executive Management Committee October 11, 2017, 1 PM Meeting Minutes

Voting and Alternate Members in Attendance: Richard Fiske, Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council; Sean Hughes, EOPSS-CJIS; Melissa Nazzaro, EOPSS-SWIC; Scott Wilder, Metro Boston Homeland Security Region, UASI; Curtis Wood, EOPSS

SIEC Members (Non-Executive Management Committee) in Attendance: Jon Ruda, MEMA; Michael Saltzman, EOPSS

Others in Attendance: Nicholas DaDalt, EOPSS-HLS; Kristin Potrikus, EOPSS-HLS

Meeting Materials Distributed:

- 10/11/2017 SIEC-EMC Meeting Agenda
- HSGP015-295: PJ 6.1.1 Marion Receivers (Southeast)

<u>1. Welcome/Introductions</u>

2. Acceptance of Minutes (Notes)

A correction was made on page 2 of 9/13/17 draft minutes. Richard Fiske motioned to approve the 9/13/17 amended meeting minutes; Melissa Nazzaro seconded. The 9/13/17 SIEC-EMC amended meeting minutes were approved.

3. New Business/Announcements

A. PJ-ICIP & PJ-ICIP Amendments

i. HSGP015-295: PJ 6.1.1 Marion Receivers (Southeast)

A representative from the Southeast Homeland Security Advisory Council was not in attendance. Undersecretary Wood described how this project is ongoing site upgrades.

Motion from Scott Wilder to approve. Seconded by Richard Fiske. Approved.

4. Reports

A. Subcommittees

i. Data Subcommittee

Sean Hughes reported. MBI is in negotiations with network operator and in bankruptcy court. There is hope for an update at the next meeting, however, unsure if it is public information due to bankruptcy court case.

Question by Undersecretary Wood: Is Axia still involved?

Response from Sean Hughes: Correct.

Sean Hughes updated the Public Safety Fiber; new secretariat at EOTSS/AWS cloud. There is a request from the city of Chelsea for public safety data center to connect to Chelsea Emergency Operation Center. We did a site visit with the vendor and a site visit with the City of Boston.

Question by Undersecretary Wood: We are working with the MSP on cameras- is this moving?

Response from Sean Hughes: This is moving within the 5th Division and fiber connectivity between MSP & MassDOT. The Spear is getting access to video feeds. The Boston Police and the Lt. Colonel interconnect will be at location where EOTSS has connectivity.

Question by Jon Ruda regarding the fiber locations and ownership. Undersecretary Wood clarified that EOPSS is the owner.

Sean Hughes and Jon Ruda discussed the software and cooping to locations where dispatch can set up. Sean Hughes requested potential locations and facilities in the EOTSS secretariat. Fiber 2 or Comcast is available at EOTSS locations.

ii. RF Subcommittee Report

No report. Undersecretary Wood commented regarding following up on small working groups for RF Subcommittee.

iii. P/P Subcommittee Report

No report.

B. Regions

i. UASI/Metro Boston Homeland Security Region

Scott Wilder reported business as usual. Discussion of JPOC and network connectivity. Question from Undersecretary Wood regarding table top or full scale exercise planned. Response from Scott Wilder indicated OEM is thinking it will be a table top. Sean Hughes commented from a CGIS perspective and discussion of microwaves dating back to 2004. Discussion of backup microwaves.

ii. Northeast

No report.

iii. Southeast

No report.

iv. Central

Richard Fiske reported. Fieldcom radios are programmed. This allows the district to communicate back and forth.

v. West

Melissa Nazzaro reported on behalf of changes in the Western Region. Jason Breault will be taking over as Alternate since Melissa Nazzaro's transition into the SWIC role. The West is working on a new primary voter.

C. State Updates

i. SWIC

Undersecretary Wood reported. Melissa Nazzaro began on October 2nd as the SWIC.

Melissa Nazzaro discussed near future plans as SWIC to attend Homeland Security Regional meetings. Kristin Potrikus and I will be meeting monthly to ensure SIEC policies are current and connectivity with regions. Melissa Nazzaro will be working statewide, however, SWIC office will be in Springfield.

ii. FirstNet

Undersecretary Wood reported. Closed out the RFP; AT&T won the bid. AT&T has been working aggressively to opt in. Undersecretary Wood met with the Governor regarding the other two eligible bids received from the RFP. One was from Ravata and Verizon. Our office recommended the Governor not to opt in right away. AT&T presented the finalized plan on September 19th. A range of grant funds are available if we opt out and build our own network. There would be \$700,000 available for salaries to keep the office going on one grant, funded through February. There are presentations next week from Ravata and Verizon. Notice has gone out to advisory board, will report back in 30 days.

Undersecretary Wood discussed the e-mail received from FirstNet- if we opt out, we would be obligated to pay 500 million over numerous years if we fail at creating out own network. 2 billion dollar fine would be associated with failing to create our own network if we opt out. We are still in negotiations with AT&T- negotiations are better than the first bid we have received.

Melissa Nazzaro continued that AT&T has committed to being competitive. We will go through process and report back at the next meeting. Discussed the meeting in Springfield with AT&T and public safety outreach.

Undersecretary Wood continued Melissa Nazzaro's discussion through discussing the need of sending correspondence to first responder agencies so they receive the correct information. If the adoption rates aren't met, there are huge fines for AT&T. AT&T has committed to the lowest price. Discussion of coverage and AT&T proving it is public safety grade. If opting in, 18 communication towers will be added in Massachusetts.

iii. NextGen 911

Undersecretary Wood reported. Reported that great progress is being made. 200 sites have switched. Moving smoothly but scheduling issues. 3 state police sites have been pushed back and looking at November dates. Overall, great progress has been made.

Melissa Nazzaro commented regarding her experience with NextGen911. The sheer volume of calls and alternate emergency lines requires adequate staffing- everything is going through ACD. Number of issues has been fairly small.

Comment by Richard Fiske- our biggest challenge is training. We would like to tweak the training center to make it more realistic. Commented that reporting can also improve in the Central Region. Melissa Nazzaro contributed that smaller centers do not have the ability to run reports and must manually create data.

SIEC discussion of systems, muting, and recording. Undersecretary Wood closed with notice that his office is looking to renew the contract earlier and extend Verizon for 2 more months. Discussion of resources and staffing levels.

iv. Statewide Radio Update

Undersecretary Wood reported. A draft presentation has been completed and is looking to have meeting with Secretary and Governor. A&F has plan of Statewide Radios. Motorola has won the bid with good pricing. Currently working on RFP to provide to Councils. Funding this year is about \$7 million to build statewide radios to be P25 compliant. There are currently radio issues in Duke County and the Cape. Planning on going to Cape to check radios.

Undersecretary Wood continued update regarding the DOC's need for infrastructure. Need to make sure EOPSS agencies are consulting with Undersecretary Wood's office for radio purchases and strategic planning of purchases.

Discussion of radio pricing, competition, and vendors. Undersecretary Wood discussed conversations with Motorola regarding pricing and accountability.

xiv. Systems Owners

Jon Ruda reported for MEMA- reported a few calls from Verizon looking to co-locate. Question if it effects grant funding if you're collecting revenue from cellular.

5. New Business

Melissa Nazzaro reported that full SIEC meeting will be planned soon, likely in Spring of 2018. Undersecretary Wood commented that reconfirmation of who is on the SIEC will need to be completed.

5. Adjourn. Next meeting on Wednesday, November 29th at 1 PM.