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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 1:30pm - 3:30pm
MEMA – 400 Worcester Rd., Framingham MA.

MINUTES

Voting SIEC EMC members present: *Richard Fiske (SWIC-EOPSS), Dave Spinosa (Essex County Sheriff's, Northeast Region-Alt.), James Barclay (Royalston EMA, Central Region), Timothy Gover (Southeast Region), Scott Wilder (UASI)*

Others present: *Chris Tuttle (CISA ECD), Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Mike Saltzman (EOTSS), John Surette, (Boston Police), Alex Chadis (Newton Fire) Gary McCarraher (FirstNet Authority)*

Richard Fiske called the meeting to order at 1:37pm, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

- a. September 1, 2021 EMC Meeting minutes: *Motion to accept by Scott Wilder, Second by Dave Spinosa,, Motion Carried.*

2. New Business/Announcements

Richard Fiske confirmed the members had the materials that were circulated prior to the meeting and that everyone had time to review them.

a. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

- HSGP20-434 Boston PD UTAC/8TAC (UASI)
John Surette Boston PD spoke to the committee on the project. The current UTAC/8TAC stations are currently Quantar units which are end of life. This is to replace those stations with G series repeaters for interop use as directed by the state. *Motion to approve and recommend the project by James Barclay, second by Scott Wilder. Motion carried*

- HSGP20-435 Winthrop FD Subscribers (UASI)
Scott Wilder spoke to the committee on the project. Winthrop Fire is working to phase out older units as part of several other UASI region upgrades. Jim Barclay asked if these were tri band units. Discussion regarding the bands and encryption capabilities. Richard Fiske advised he reviewed the specifications submitted, and the units were compliant. *Motion to approve and recommend the project by James Barclay, second by Dave Spinosa. Motion carried.*
- CSTF-433 Worcester FD Subscribers (City of Worcester)
Richard Fiske spoke to the committee on the project. This is funding awarded to the city as part of the CSTF program, and the city has elected to purchase 3 radio subscribers for their fire department to use while working detail assignments at the new Polar Park. The specifications were reviewed by the SWIC prior to the meeting, and the submitted materials are compliant. James Barclay asked about the channels being programmed for CoMIRS, LPS, etc. Richard Fiske responded that the standard Worcester template will be used which includes all the required MTCP interop channels in the band. *Motion to approve and recommend the project by Scott Wilder, second by Dave Spinosa, Motion carried.*

- b. Discussion on any other current projects that have been reviewed previously and need action or having pending concerns. None from the attendees.
- c. Discussion on any newly submitted projects that require distribution and review prior to action that were not anticipated or included here. None from the attendees.

3. Reports

- a. Standing Committees
 - i. Data Committee – No meeting.
 - ii. RF Committee – No meeting.
 - iii. Policies/Programs Committee – No Meeting
- b. Councils
 - iv. UASI-Metro Boston
Scott Wilder addressed the Committee. Ongoing work on Boston Marathon planning, Richard Fiske asked if there were planning meetings for the US Open. Scott Wilder advised there were several in progress and would connect with the SWIC regarding the next one next month.
 - v. Northeast
David Spinosa addressed the Committee. The Interop meeting is next week and there would be more to report next month. Nothing further to report this month.
 - vi. Southeast
Tim Gover addressed the Committee. The equipment is starting to arrive for the new Copicut tower. The interop meeting is next week and will have more to report from that next month.
 - vii. Central
Jim Barclay addressed the Committee. They are working more on continuing to replace the consolettes for the LPS-7/8 legacy units that are end of life and the challenges they

have had with that. They are also working on Cyber Security evaluations for cities/towns in the region on their behalf.

viii. Western – No report

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

ix. SWIC

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.

- Several CSTF requests were previously reviewed by the committee last month. He worked with the communities that had projects that were returned for revision, and the projects were resubmitted. After review, all were then found to be compliant, approved, and sent to OGR to process with the community. The exception was the Upton PD submission. The agency was notified, acknowledged the return, and advised they would be resubmitting. To date the resubmission has not been received. The SWIC will reconnect with them again to determine the status of the project. James Barclay asked where the agencies got the funding from and who manages it. Richard Fiske advised it was managed at the state level through the Office of Grants and Research.
- Franklin County (FRCOG) has indicated that they have surplus equipment (Tower, Shelter, generator) in Royalston that they no longer have a need for and were looking to either re-allocate it to a qualifying entity (City, town, region, etc.) or liquidate it through an approved process. Richard Fiske wanted to bring it to the committee's attention in case there were current or planned projects in the regions that could utilize this equipment. James Barclay advised that this equipment was on Royalston town property, and their local police and fire antennas were located here. He indicated he has communicated the towns desire to assume ownership of the resources. Richard Fiske indicated he would respond back to the FRCOG coordinator and OGR with this feedback.
- Marathon planning for the race on Monday has been ongoing and the final race wide meeting was earlier today. All agencies present indicated they were ready to go. Boston will activate the command net patches Friday morning at 0900 for testing by any that need to, so agencies may hear chatter through the weekend.
- The SWIC and MEMA will be at the ESF-2 desk throughout the event on Monday starting at 0600.

x. FirstNet - Gary McCarraher spoke to the committee

AT&T has stood up some additional towers in the state over the last 60 days. Leadership for FirstNet and AT&T has met with Secretary Wood regarding the program. They are offering training soon for public safety on how to use LTE and he is willing to present that to the committee when that comes out. Richard Fiske commented regarding the sunset of 3G technology in 2022 and how this affects public safety users who still have the legacy devices, and encouraged FirstNet to be part of the outreach to agencies who may need to be aware this is coming. Dave Clemons added that DFS has some of these devices and has already seen challenges where 3G coverage is absent and has been told that as these sites go down carriers are not investing in

repair to this technology, and they have seen challenges as a result already. Andy Bagdonas added that carriers have started reaching out to MEMA about some of these devices already.

- xi. NextGen911- Not present.
- xii. Statewide Radio – Michael Saltzman addressed the committee regarding CoMIRS project. The selected vendor negotiations regarding the contract specifics have been ongoing and continue in a positive direction. Same as last report, but hopeful next month perhaps a contract signature date will be imminent.
- xiii. System Owners – Not present
- xiv. Federal Partners – Chris Tuttle from CISA addressed the Committee. Federal budget was approved. TA funding was approved for FY22 and they will be connecting with the SWIC regarding needs for TA support. Commented on the Central Regions effort on Cyber Security and encouraged them to connect with CISA on any needs for assistance they can offer as they work with EOPSS and EOTSS on this as well. Commented on the U.S. Open planning. This will likely be a Federally rated event given the size and scope and offered any assistance they can provide as that planning moves forward. Advised that they are in the process of filling the Region 1 Communications Coordinator and hope to fill that by end of the year.

4. Old Business

- a. SCIP Goal work
- b. Copper
- c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects
- d. Cybersecurity

5. Adjourned at 2:09pm; Next Meeting: TBD