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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC)
Operations Room, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
400 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01702
Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 1:30pm

MINUTES

Voting SIEC EMC members present: *Richard Fiske (SWIC-EOPSS), Alexander Rock (ASWIC-EOPSS, Policy & Programs Committee) David Spinosa (Northeast), Scott Wilder (UASI), Jason Breault (Western), Greg Lynskey (Central), Matt Barstow (MSP, RF Committee)*

Others present: *Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Cory Swift (MCSA), Gary Mcarraher (FirstNet), Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECC Reg 1), Sarah Cook (EOPSS OGR), Seth Peters (CMRPC), Donald Denning (AT&T-NG911& PSAP ECS), Norm Fournier (State 911), David Clemons (DFS)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting on behalf of Secretary Reidy and called the meeting to order at 1:34pm. Roll call was held.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

- a) November 1, 2023, Minutes. Motion to approve by Jason Breault, seconded by Scott Wilder, Motion carried.
- b) **PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICPS Amendments:**
 - *HSGP 22-482 Greenfield Prime Mover multi band radio for the Western Region. Jason Breault spoke on the subject. The proposal has been reviewed and meets all requirements for CoMIRS and State Interoperability. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Greg Lynskey, seconded by Scott Wilder. Motion carried. Jason Breault abstained.*
- c) Discussion on any other current projects that have been reviewed previously and need action or have pending concerns- N/A.
- d) Discussion on any newly submitted projects that require distribution and review prior to action that were not anticipated or included here- N/A.

2. Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. **Data Committee-** N/A
- ii. **RF Committee-** *Matt Barstow advised nothing to report from the committee. Matt Barstow also advised he will be stepping down from his current role as RF Committee Chairperson and anyone interested in taking on that roll should contact him or Chair Fiske.*
- iii. **Policy / Programs-** *Alexander Rock addressed the committee. A meeting was held earlier in the day. Policy & Programs committee is currently reviewing the PSAP COOP plan final draft, 2023 Massachusetts SCIP updates, Public Safety Communications Best Practice 23-01 Wireless network carrier diversity document and going forward, discussing next steps for furthering the ICIP with regards to funding subscribers. Work is ongoing to the best practices policy and procedures for interoperability in the Commonwealth.*

b. Councils

- i. **UASI-Metro Boston** – *Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Boston is continuing with the 800MHz buildout. UASI is working on upgrading various components with more to come after the next interop meeting. No comments or questions from the committee.*
- ii. **Northeast-** *David Spinosa addressed the committee. He reports a normal progression of projects going on. Also, the COM-L COM-T programming initiative is almost ready to get underway with the addition of NERAC funded training. A checklist workflow document is in development for cash equipment as well as a school end best practice radio equipment and interoperability discussion between police and fire. No comments or questions from the committee.*
- iii. **Southeast-** *Not present*
- iv. **Central-** *Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. Central is working on a project for next month to replace an existing fire mobilization radio system in the southern part of the county that is about 25 years old. No comments or questions from the committee.*
- v. **Western-** *Jason Breault addressed the committee. Berkshire County is working to upgrade the recorder system for dispatch. Also coordinating communications for Northern Berkshire EMS as the primary responders for the towns of Adams and Cheshire. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

i. SWIC:

Richard Fiske addressed the committee.

- *Draft copy of the SCIP 2023 update is before the SWIC office for review by Rich and Alex before moving to Policy and Programs then EOPSS leadership for final review before being circulated to the SIEC publicly to be adopted.*
- *MIFOG 3-year TA upcoming. Working group emails forthcoming.*
- *COMMEX / CISA TA is scheduled for the beginning of May. Alex Rock will be the lead for this exercise.*
- *Joint Biannual NCSWIC meeting occurred in Florida. Rich was elected as the alternate representative for region 1 on the NCSWIC Executive committee. Rich was also appointed as one of three SWIC representatives for SAFECOM.*
- *Two TERT deployments occurred recently with both seen as a great success in Cambridge and Waltham. Well received by Cambridge and Waltham as well as the TERT team members. Several individuals stepped up to get the deployments done.*
- *Dozens of ICIPs have been reviewed under the various grant programs available to public safety. Millions of dollars in grant funding to further communications and interoperability in the Commonwealth have been disbursed.*
- *Rich participated in ASHER training throughout the state.*
- *Alex presented at the Chief Fire Official Class at DFS for communications and interoperability capabilities and their use across the Commonwealth.*
- *Working on what's next for interoperability in the commonwealth moving forward.*

No other comments or questions from the committee.

ii. State 911 Report:

Norm Fournier addressed the committee.

- The State 911 vendor has been upgrading various pieces of equipment across the Commonwealth, working meticulously to keep the 911 PSAPs up during this process.*
 - 911 has implemented a spam filter for a PSAP that was getting hammered with junk calls on the 10-digit line.*
 - State 911 has also replaced over 140 digital logging recorders across the Commonwealth.*
 - *T-Mobile has begun sending i3 data to NG 911 providing location data embedded in the call. i3 data is an important goal of NG 911 across the nation. The NG911 system of the Commonwealth is capable of receiving the i3 data and has been for some time. RFP for the new system is still on track in the procurement process.*
- No other comments or questions from the committee.*

iii. FIRSTNET:

Gary Mccarraher addressed the committee.

-He thanked the attendees of the previous month's progress meeting. Good information was received for the first five years of the program.

-A coverage workshop is tentatively scheduled for some time in the next 6 months to continue to figure out where public safety works. Mr. Mccarraher wants to remind all interop sub committees to include FIRSTNET coverage as part of the discussion to address coverage gaps in their regions and provide feedback to the SIEC & FIRSTNET. No other comments or questions from the committee.

Donald Denning addressed the committee.

- Donald echoed the success of the previous month's end of year progress meeting. With 17 new macro sites added as well as many micro sites.

-Cell Booster PRO program ongoing free of charge to any public safety building in the Commonwealth. This program continues to be very successful. Recent additions include Braintree and Westminster.

-NTIA is now taking letters of interest to become a FIRSTNET board member.

No other comments or questions from the committee.

iv. Statewide Radio:

Matt Barstow addressed the committee.

-CoMIRS is starting to see the first machination of shovels in the ground after a long ramp up since 2017. Over the last 60 days numerous permits have been requested for issue.

-Equipment has begun being swapped out in Western Mass and Central Mass while the tech team ensures the operable and interoperable users see minimal downtime. So far it has been going well and with the weather permitting the tech team will continue to march in Western and Central Mass.

- CoMIRS is also in the process of holding stakeholder meetings to provide proper information to educate the stakeholders of the roadmap going forward.

No other comments or questions from the committee.

v. System Owners:

- No system owners are present.*

vi. Federal Partners:

The committee was addressed by Melissa Nazzaro.

-She thanked Rich for the fantastic job he did updating the committee on the technical assistance project statuses.

- Massachusetts was one of the first states to adopt the use of an electronic FOG (EFOG)

- During the Joint NCSWIC SAFECOM conference a meeting was held to discuss communications planning for the FIFA World Cup 2026. CISA is executing a cross planning with specific discussions regarding communications.
- A FEMA ESF-2 co-lead with CISA is being held in Colorado. If anyone is interested in attending registration is still open. Contact Melissa Nazzaro or Richard Fiske.

Chair Fiske addressed the committee to provide some clarification on the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Planning is ongoing with other states as this is a multi-state event. Massachusetts has a large population that is very involved in this sporting event. This will be a highly attended event with national attention. Look for further information and emails regarding planning meetings forthcoming.

No other comments or questions from the committee.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a. Copper
- b. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects.
- c. Cybersecurity
- d. Continuing updates to interoperable best practices throughout the Commonwealth

4. Announcements:

Andrew Bagdonas addressed the committee.

-MEMA is revamping their MCST MSAT this winter to include access to 700MHz capability and all 3 cellular carriers plus satellite access for backhaul. This will be available Statewide for planned and unplanned events.

- In the following year will be the US 250th celebration. Planning means have begun in the Concord area with a communications heavy meeting beginning sometime next month. This 250th celebration event will also correspond with the Boston Marathon.

No other comments or questions from the committee.

Next meeting is in February, TBD.

Motion to adjourn made at 2:12pm by Scott Wilder. Seconded by Jason Breault. Carried and adjourned at 2:13pm.