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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC)

Operations Room, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

400 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01702

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 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), Michael Salzman (EOTSS), Joe Griffin (BAPERN), Gary Mcarraher (FirstNet), Anthoney Fowler (FEMA Reg 1 Comms), Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECC Reg 1), Sarah Cook (EOPSS OGR)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting on behalf of Secretary Reidy and called the meeting to order at 1:33pm. Roll call was held.

1) Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a) August 2, 2023, Minutes. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Greg Lynskey, Motion carried.

b) PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICPS Amendments:

- *HSGP 22-478 Dudley Prime Mover multi band radio for the Central Region. Greg Lynskey 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 Jason Breault, seconded by Scott Wilder. Motion carried. Greg Lynskey 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.*
- iii. **Policy / Programs-** *Mr. Fiske addressed the committee. A meeting was held earlier in the day. Alexander Rock will be chairing the Policy & Programs committee going forward. Work is ongoing on the tactical channel plan summary as well as the best practices policy and procedures for interoperability in the Commonwealth.*

b. Councils

- i. **UASI-Metro Boston** – *Scott Wilder addressed the committee. UASI found cost savings and directed the money to BAPERN. No comments or questions from the committee.*
- ii. **Northeast-** *David Spinosa addressed the committee. Continuing with projects and procurements for Fire Districts 5,6, and 15 in conjunction with BAPERN. Also, David remarked at the success of ongoing interoperability with BAPERN and the Salem area during the month of October.*
- iii. **Southeast-** *Not present, in leu of, the committee was addressed by Joe Griffin. He spoke of the ongoing project to run a microwave link from Marion to Copicut Hill. No comments or questions from the committee.*
- iv. **Central-** *Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. Central is working on CoMIRS readability projects to ensure all those who currently have CoMIRS access will continue to do so. Also, Fire District 7 responded to a large church fire in Spencer. It was learned that all the cellular connectivity in the area was coming from the steeple of the church on fire. This left all first responders at the fire scene without cellular services. Fire district 7 is looking to a future solution to address this issue. Mr. Fiske addressed the issue regarding this need. Multiple solutions and options already exist in the Commonwealth as deployable assets that can be requested by the COM L or Scene commander once the need is identified. No other comments or questions from the committee.*
- v. **Western-** *Jason Breault addressed the committee. A short committee meeting was held, the committee is in the process of pulling together projects to spend down grant funding. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

i. **SWIC:**

Richard Fiske addressed the committee.

- *DOC radio project kickoff meeting for revamp of the agency's entire radio system to tie in with CoMIRS.*
- *EOTSS Cyber security tabletop exercise completed and being reviewed.*
- *Beginning talks for planning of FIFA World Cup at Gillette Stadium.*
- *SCIP hybrid in-person / remote meeting to develop SCIP for next 3 years on November 8th.*
- *Reminders for the sub committees to follow procedure by following established council process and making sure ICIPs are reviewed and approved by the Interop Subcommittee, then brought before full council, before being submitted to OGR / state for SIEC review.*

No other comments or questions from the committee.

ii. **State 911 Report:**

Not present.

iii. **FIRSTNET:**

Gary Mccarraher addressed the committee.

- *FIRSTNET has been seeing an uptick in the request for deployable use within the Commonwealth. Several assets are available to be requested anytime a need arises.*
- *Completion of Aviation & Maritime case study with Hyannis Fire Department utilizing FIRSTNET.*
- *Cell Booster PRO program ongoing free of charge to any public safety building in the Commonwealth. This program will be continued as long as a need is present.*
- *For the first time in its history FIRSTNET has deployed personnel to assist with a public safety crisis. 3 individuals were sent to the wildfires in Maui to assist local operations. This was seen as a successful deployment.*
- *FIRSTNET has completed its first 5-year operational period. 18 sites have been built out. Looking forward FIRSTNET would like to expand coverage within the commonwealth. Mr. Fiske addressed the committee reminding all interop sub committees to include FIRSTNET coverage as part of the agenda to address coverage gaps in their regions and provide feedback to the SIEC.*

No other comments or questions from the committee.

iv. **Statewide Radio:**

Michael Saltzman addressed the committee.

- *CoMIRS is currently in phase 1A of the overall project. This addresses the first 50+ sites. Currently CoMIRS is addressing a learning curve with these first 50 sites due to setbacks with construction permits, lease agreements, tower mapping and structural analysis. Winter weather is also going to become a factor, especially in the western part of the state. Given this major undertaking the project looks to still be on track.*

No other comments or questions from the committee.

v. **System Owners:**

Joe Griffin addressed the committee.

- *BAPERN- Moving forward with the upgrade of the simulcast systems. 80% of the equipment needed is currently in a warehouse ready to go. With installation expected to begin in January-February.*
- *No other System Owners present.*

No other comments or questions from the committee.

vi. **Federal Partners:**

The committee was addressed by Melissa Nazzaro & Anthony Fowler.

- *Reminder that November is critical infrastructure security and resiliency month.*
- *This November 9th is the region 1 RECCWG Plenary meeting in Maynard, MA from 10am to 1pm. RECCWG is looking to see a larger involvement with State and local shareholders. The meeting topic is FCC cellular drive testing.*

No other comments or questions from the committee.

vii. **Old Business:**

None –

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

Next meeting is in December, TBD.

Motion to adjourn made at 2:09pm by Jason Breault. Seconded by Scott Wilder. Carried and adjourned at 2:10pm.