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**SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting**

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Wednesday, January 12, 2022, from 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Virtual / Teams meeting

**MINUTES**

**Voting SIEC EMC members present:** *Richard Fiske (SWIC-EOPSS), David Spinosa (NERAC) James Barclay (Central Region), Tim Gover (Southeast Region), Gerry Reardon (UASI), Matthew Barstow (Mass. State Police)*

**Others present:** *Chris Tuttle (CISA ECD), Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECD) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Mike Saltzman (EOTSS), Gary McCarraher (FirstNet Authority) Corey Swift (MCSA) Norm Fournier (Mass. State 911) David Clemons, (DFS) Roger Marshall, (Verizon) John Surette (Boston Police)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

**1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes**

- a. November 3, 2021 Minutes. *Motion to accept by Matt Barstow, second by Jim Barclay. Motion carried.*

**b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:**

- HSGP19-439 & 20-442 – Somerville PD EOC and subscriber upgrades (UASI) *Gerry Reardon briefed the Committee. Both projects are relatively similar for UHF R-2 subscribers for Somerville PD, one from EOC allocation, the other is for the subscriber allocation to update their subscribers. Rich Fiske asked if the notation on the 19-439 where dispatch consoles was mentioned was a typo / cut and paste error or if they intended to procure something different. Mr. Reardon advised that it was just an error, and the project is for subscribers. Mr. Barclay noted a price difference on the quotation for what appeared to be the same model of radios for both. Mr. Reardon stated that one*

*of the quotes includes multi-key encryption, the other does not, and one was also quoted at a different time and may have included additional vendor discounts due to quarter end, etc. Motion to approve by Jim Barclay, second by David Spinosa. Motion Carried.*

- *HSGP21-440 – Winthrop PD Radios (UASI) Gerry Reardon briefed the Committee. Like the Somerville project, this to replace aging subscribers. Rich Fiske noted that the ICIP refers in multiple places to the units as “multiband” radios and asked if it was their intention to do so, or to procure single band units as indicated in the quote. Mr. Reardon advised the intent was to procure the single band units as quoted and that the ICIP may have been a cut and paste error, commenting further that with the 8000 model multi bands you can purchase one or more bands of the same model which may create confusion. Mr. Fiske advised he would connect with OGR to modify the ICIP to match the request for the record. Matt Barstow commented that we have seen several projects come from areas using grant funds for single band radios in areas that have different bands in their service areas and expressed concern that it may make more sense for these agencies to use the funding for the multiple bands now that so many have it available, and not have to come back later to add it. Rich Fiske agreed and stated this has been sporadic across the state, and that funding has always been the driving force on these types of decisions, not necessarily the operational benefit. Discussion ensued among the Committee. The SWIC agreed to work with OGR and bring this up at the different council meetings as an item to focus more closely on for consideration as they make decisions on future interop / communications projects. Motion to approve by Tim Gover, Second by Jim Barclay. Motion carried.*
- *HSGP20-441 – Hinsdale FD radio (Western) No Western region rep was present. Rich Fiske briefed the committee. This request is for one mobile radio for Hinsdale FD rehab bus that they use at scenes in town and in the region at incidents. It currently has no radio. This unit will be added to the CoMIRS system and communicate with the agencies it responds to during support at incidents. It is a model that is a digital only radio, so no analog resource can be leveraged, and the submitted vendor quotation is missing the required P25 authentication feature which is a system requirement. Suggested that if the committee agrees, the SWIC would connect with the applicant, make them aware of same, and if the additional P25 authentication feature was added and then re-submitted, it would then be approved on behalf of the committee. Mr. Barclay asked if there was an issue with this vehicle being housed in New Hampshire. Mr. Fiske clarified that it is a Hinsdale Mass. Fire asset. Motion to approve as suggested by the SWIC by Mr. Barclay, second by David Spinosa. Motion carried.*

- c. Discussion on any other current projects that have been reviewed previously and need action or having pending concerns. None from the attendees.
- d. 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.

## 2. Reports

### a. Standing Committees

- i. Data Committee – No meeting.
- ii. RF Committee – *Matt Barstow advised no report as of now.*
- iii. Policies/Programs Committee – No Meeting

### b. Councils

#### iv. UASI-Metro Boston

*Gerry Reardon addressed the Committee. Purchased additional VPNs for consoles, replacement consolettes for the PSAPs, Boston FD Command post is due to be ready soon. No other big projects pending.*

#### v. Northeast

*David Spinosa addressed the Committee. Portable radio cache has arrived for Essex CO Fire Chiefs assn and being programmed. District 6, 5, and 15 receiver upgrades, and a cache radio project for NEMLEC SWAT, the cost of which has increased due to vendor price increases, are ongoing projects. Rich Fiske commented that the price increases have been seen in multiple regions recently, some by many thousands of dollars.*

#### vi. Southeast

*Tim Gover addressed the Committee. They are still waiting on some of the Copicut tower equipment and hoping it will be delivered soon and installed by February.*

#### vii. Central

*Jim Barclay addressed the Committee. They continue to work on the LPS PSAP radios, and pricing has been a concern with changes. Expressed concern regarding the process to liquidate the tower in Royalston that was funded using federal funds to build that FRCOG no longer has a need for, and that he had not heard of anyone providing guidance as to how FRCOG should go about that to date. Discussion ensued among the Committee. Rich Fiske advised that as recently as yesterday he was part of correspondence between FRCOG and EOPSS/OGR regarding this issue, and that OGR had previously engaged FEMA and the legal folks regarding the appropriate process, and that the work was ongoing to make that determination. To date, no final decisions had been concluded to his knowledge.*

#### viii. Western – Not present./ No report.

### c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

#### ix. SWIC

*Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.*

- *U.S. Open planning has been ongoing in advance of the event this summer. An Interop / Comms. subcommittee of that planning group was formed and has met for preliminary planning, similar the Marathon. That will likely expand as we ID agencies involved and continues monthly.*
- *Met with the NEAAA and Medflight regarding Air to ground comms for scene calls with the aircraft and use of the interop channels for LZ communications. Recent success in this went from 50% to 70% since last year. Air ambulance providers*

*continue to do outreach. A new Air to Ground comms bulletin is being drafted as an update to be recirculated to agencies and PSAPs to keep this fresh and on everyone's radar.*

- *PSE-01 is the new statewide contract for purchasing radio equipment etc, replacing ITT57 and FIR-04 as of 2022. Some minor housekeeping items to clean up with it on ComBuys just for everyone's awareness.*
  - *MTCP Updates continue. The content has been basically finalized, and now the work is on formatting it properly for distribution.*
  - *MA Comu planning and Best Practice sub-committee meetings have restarted. A few have been cancelled due to the recent holidays, vacations, and COVID but getting back on track with agenda items.*
  - *CISA Region 1 has hired a new coordinator. Melissa Nazzaro who is on the call, started this month, and will address the committee.*
  - *Non HSGP grants that were reviewed by the SWIC since the last meeting include;*
    - o *2 State 911 Regional Development Grant ICIPs*
    - o *16 MEMA EMPG ICIPs*
    - o *41 DFS Fire Fighter Equipment Grant ICIPs*
- x. *FirstNet - Gary McCarraher spoke to the committee. Working to firm up their calendar for 2022 if anyone needs presentations or info from them soon to contact them.*
- xi. *NextGen911- No report*
- xii. *Statewide Radio – Michael Saltzman addressed the committee regarding CoMIRS project. Continue to move forward on the project. Sites are a huge issue to work out, and MSP Techs have been doing site visits. Weekly calls with Motorola have been ongoing, and discussions on CDR have been included. No major hurdles. Matt Barstow added that weather has been a challenge with the visits, but they continue to hold the schedule.*
- xiii. *System Owners – None present.*
- xiv. *Federal Partners – Melissa Nazzaro and Chris Tuttle from CISA addressed the Committee. Melissa re-introduced herself to the committee. Confirmed that Technical Assistance from CISA is available to different states and the updated listing will be sent to the SWIC for any value for use by Mass. For 2022. Briefed on the LOG 4 JAVA cyber concern. Chris Tuttle had additional comments on the LOG 4 JAVA issue. Matt Barstow added that CJIS Openfox terminals use JAVA to run and some have migrated that to their internal networks which may be a concern for those agencies, and CJIS has worked on outreach to address this as well as with the local IT teams. Discussion ensued.*

### **3. Old Business – None.**

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

### **4. Adjourned at 2:25pm; Next Meeting: TBD**