

- HSGP18 – 437 Boston / UASI Control Stations (UASI) John Surette spoke to the committee. These radios will replace outdated existing and adding others to communities as part of a project to connect into the system without having to depend on PS NET. There was no further discussion. *Motion to approve by Rob Verdone, second by Jim Barclay, motion carried.*
 - HSGP20 – 438 Fire District 6 repeaters (NERAC) Dave Spinosa spoke to the committee. This is an ongoing project to improve their equipment. These are receive sites only at this time for the district. There was no further discussion. *Motion to approve by Jim Barclay, second by Scott Wilder, 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
Scott Wilder addressed the Committee. Reported the Boston Marathon was successful with no large hurdles other than a 3G coverage issue with a MEMA resource.
 - v. Northeast
David Spinosa addressed the Committee. Nothing new to report. They have their meeting next week and he may have more to report next meeting. John Surette commented that the Salem events went well (Halloween)
 - vi. Southeast
Rob Verdone addressed the Committee. They continue the work at the Copicut tower and continue to receive and stage the equipment as it comes in, and work on backhaul for that and for BAPER. Next meeting is the 15th.
 - vii. Central
Jim Barclay addressed the Committee. They met yesterday. They reaffirmed the 3G outreach issue. They continue to work on the LPS radio replacement radios in the region but are concerned with long delivery times given budgetary deadlines and are working with the council to track that if extensions are needed.
 - viii. Western – Not present./ No report.

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

ix. SWIC

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.

- We continue to do outreach on the 3G phase-out with EOPSS, the Gov's office, and EOTSS for state and partner agencies. The draft materials are being worked on for distribution.
- MTCP update working group continues to work and meeting again this Friday and hopes this will be final soon for circulation. Mr. Barclay asked about the multiband radio zones and requirements for multiband radios. Mr. Fiske advised that the MTCP zones for each band will be required for each band the radio is equipped with.
- U.S. Open planning has begun with the next scheduled meeting on 11/18/21 in Brookline. An Interop / Comms subcommittee will be formed for the planning for this event, like what is done for Marathon.
- Other projects reviewed for compliance: 1 State 911 Reg. Development Grant, and 6 EMPG grants for communications projects from agencies.

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- x. FirstNet - Gary McCarraher spoke to the committee. AT&T continues to build out sites. They continue to monitor them for FOC compliance and address anything that comes up. When FOC deadline passes the discussions are ongoing as to how to address any issues moving forward from there. Boston Marathon was successful. Worked with Boston Fire on a Z-axis project. Thanked the Chair for the 3G outreach assistance. Advised Scott Wilder that they would be willing to partner and work on any LTE connectivity planning for the US Open and discussion ensued. Mr. Barclay asked if there was a way to determine what sites had band 14. Mr. McCarraher replied that he will work with AT&T on this and discussion ensued.
- xi. NextGen911- Norm Founier addressed the committee. The system performed well during the recent severe storms on the shore / south shore areas. A few PSAPs went to generator power. They are working to improve the disability indicator display on the terminals for wireless devices. They have partnered with EOTSS on the 3G outreach as well.
- xii. Statewide Radio – Michael Saltzman addressed the committee regarding CoMIRS project. Negotiations have gone well so far and would not be surprised if a final contract was signed very soon. This will be circulated when that happens.
- xiii. System Owners – John Surette addressed the committee for BAPER. System worked well during the marathon. They deployed a console to Salem for their recent holiday event. There is a planned protest in Boston this coming Sunday and AW4 will be in use for that. Three sites are planned to come online with Comcast for backhaul soon. Other than site power issues at two sites, the system performed well. Mr. Saltzman asked Mr. McCarraher regarding the storm how FirstNet towers performed for the storm. Mr. McCarraher advised they had approximately 9 deployable assets out in the area to support the network. Discussion ensued among the committee regarding situational

awareness when sites go down and why and how to work to improve that, which is ongoing with the ESF-2 members, the SWIC, MEMA and the carriers.

- xiv. Federal Partners – Chris Tuttle from CISA addressed the Committee. The Federal budget continues to be debated. They now have a rule of no more than 50 people at meetings. T/A assistance will be available in FY22. There is confirmed interests in other states to combine our training efforts. A new Region 1 coordinator has been selected and going though background and they continue with that with a plan to be in place for 2022.

3. Old Business – None.

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

4. Adjourned at 2:07pm; Next Meeting: TBD