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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Teams call-in option: 857-327-9245 Conference ID: 770301676# Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 1:30pm - 3:30pm MEMA, 400 Worcester Rd., Framingham MA., and on Teams

MINUTES

Voting SIEC EMC members present: Richard Fiske (SWIC-EOPSS), Matt Barstow (State Police/RF Committee) David Spinosa (Northeast) Scott Wilder (UASI), Robert Gariepy (Western) Greg Lynskey (Central) *Timothy Gover (Southeast)*

Others present: *Gary McCarraher (FirstNet), Joe Griffin (BAPERN), Corey Swift (MCSA) Norm Fournier* (Mass. State 911) Seth Peters (Central-CMRPC) Ben Podsiadlo (EOPSS OGR) Gary Fleischer (Fire Dist. 7) Donald Denning (AT&T-FirstNet) Michael Salzman (EOTSS) Roger Marshall (Verizon)

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a. October 5, 2022, Minutes. Motion to accept by Scott Wilder, Second by Matt Barstow, Motion carried.

b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

HSGP 21-461 – Revere FD Subscriber Units Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Continuation to update obsolete subscribers so their fire dept. Mr. Fiske added that the submission was reviewed, and the equipment requested is compliant with the standards of the committee. Mr. Griffin commented on the cost vs previous purchases and the dramatic increase. Discussion between members ensued regarding the vendor price increases. Motion to approve by Tim Gover, seconded by Matt Barstow. Motion carried.

- HSGP 21-463 and 464 MSP Air Wing Receivers (State Share)

 Matt Barstow addressed the committee. These two are fixed receiver sites for the video downlink. Gaps in Berkshire County exist today and two are needed for coverage. These two locations are the two best for north and south. These add to the existing array across the state. This will enable outside users to access the feeds as well. Mr. Griffin noted that there may be a typo in one of the proposals referencing one vs the other but did not change the terms. Mr. Barstow advised he would review and confirm if it was a typographical error. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Greg Lynskey, Matt Barstow abstained. 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 addressed the committee. The committee did not meet, but MSP has been dealing with significant RF interference on the COMIRS system from Electric meters in difference areas that is being caused by a specific meter. FCC has been engaged. They continue to work through it with the utility and manufacturers and be proactive to replace these before non-problematic ones become problematic later. Mr. Gover asked if they could share the data on the model causing the issue so others can be proactive with their municipal utilities as well. No other comments from the committee.
 - iii. Policy / Programs

Richard Fiske addressed the committee. This committee met this morning. The time for the meeting was moved up to back up to the start time of the EMC meeting for ease of attendance for both. Items addressed were.

- Best Practice document expansion. Each listed item was assigned to a member of the group to write a more detailed summary explanation of the topic for anyone who wants more expanded information on each of them for their awareness and understanding of the topic. Summaries are due in February.
- Public Safety Encryption Bulletin #20-1. Work will be done to update this to include PSE-01 reference and other minor terms, keeping it to one page. No questions from the committee.

b. Councils

UASI-Metro Boston

Scott Wilder advised mostly agencies are working on subscriber upgrades. No questions from the committee.

Northeast

Dave Spinosa addressed the committee. Kicked of a feasibility study on the building out of Metro Fire North District. No question from the committee.

Southeast

Timothy Gover addressed the committee. Advised that Copicut Hill tower project is 100% complete. No questions from the committee.

Central

Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. They continue to work to upgrade the "LPS PSAP" radios replacing old ones, and flashing ones that need to be under the HLS grant program. No further updates from Mr. Peters. No questions from the committee.

Western

Bob Gariepy addressed the committee. Advised nothing of significance to report. No questions from the committee.

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

iv. SWIC

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.

- Last month completed COM-L, COM-T, and INTD courses totaling 63 people that were trained. Strong interest in all programs. All of them have been added as "trainees" in the COMU SharePoint. Encouraged the members to include them in events and incidents so they can get their task books signed off.
- PSAP COOP planning workshop hosted by us, and facilitated by DHS-CISA, will start this month including a diverse group of PSAP leaders from different areas and State 911 to work to complete a Massachusetts centric PSAP COOP planning template for all MA PSAPs to use as a tool to them at no cost. When final it will be available to any agency to use.
- GETS/WPS outreach to agencies statewide for increased use of the free program is the final 2022 DHS-CISA program for this year and that will continue.
- Presented on Public Safety Comms. and Interop to MA DFS Fire Command Officer Training Session at the Fire Academy in Stow this month. This is ongoing with them as well as with the MPTC Police Academies, adding more communications / radio use training in the recruit sessions, like what MSP has done.
- Working with DOC on their radio system upgrades assisting with the best practice roadmap that was provided by their consultant. (MCP)
- Continuing to review Interoperability and Comms projects that leverage non-HLS grant programs for compliance and best practices. (911 RDEV, ATFFG, EMPG)
- 2023 brings two necessary updates that engagement with the members of this committee will be needed for. The SCIP and MIFOG updates will be starting and being worked on in the first quarter of 2023. Input, feedback, and participation from this committee and engaged stakeholders will be necessary.

- The TERT Team under MA COMU became active and operational as of 12/1/22 with more than 50 credentialed members statewide. A first for Mass. No questions from the committee.
- v. NextGen911 / State 911 report Norm Fournier spoke to the committee. NG911 has been running well, except with the contracted interpreter services provider. They were sold to another and there have been struggles with them. PSAPs are encouraged to report any issues with them, and the department is working to resolve them with the vendor which requires considerable work. Mr. Fiske added that there has been feedback from agencies regarding the issues. No questions from the committee.
- vi. FirstNet –
 Gary McCarraher addressed the committee. 2023 is the end of the buildout requirement for AT&T User deployed RAN was approved for agencies at no cost to agencies and they are working on outreach to agencies that may need to leverage it. Fire seems to be the discipline lagging in adoption mostly due to the form factor of devices. They are continuing to do outreach to those agencies on how they could best leverage the program. No questions from the committee.
- vii. Statewide Radio Matt Barstow addressed the committee. COMIRS upgrade continues on schedule for 2026. Equipment staging in IL was this month. A lot of work on site acquisition and leases continues. Supply chain issues remain a concern. No questions from the committee.
- viii. System Owners Joe Griffin addressed the committee for BAPERN. They continue to review proposals for upgrades from different vendors to evaluate pricing options. The upgrade will be able to have up to 100 site capacity. More reviews are ongoing. No questions from the committee.
- **3.** Federal Partners *Not present*
- 4. Old Business None.
 - a. SCIP Goal work
 - b. Copper
 - c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects. Discussed in the SWIC report.
 - d. Cybersecurity

Adjourned at 2:13 pm.