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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 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), Greg Lynskey (Central) Timothy Gover (Southeast)*

Others present: *Gary McCarragher (FirstNet), Alex Chadis (Newton Fire) Corey Swift (MCSA) Norm Fournier (Mass. State 911) Seth Peters (Central-CMRPC) Renee Algarin (EOPSS OGR) Donald Denning (AT&T-FirstNet) Michael Saltzman (EOTSS) Roger Marshall (Verizon) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA) Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECD)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm, and addressed the committee. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2023, and the final day of the current state administration, thanking the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary Reidy, Secretary Wood, Undersecretary Benincasa and Undersecretary Collins, and the members of this committee for all of their support of this committee and its mission, and for all of their hard work over the last several years. The rollcall was held.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a. December 7, 2022, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Greg Lynskey, second by Scott Wilder, Motion carried.*

b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

- HSGP 21-465 – Chelsea Police Subscriber Units (UASI)
Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Continuation of the program to update obsolete subscribers in the region. These are for Chelsea Police. The equipment does appear compliant. Mr. Barstow stated that the ICIP only mentions portables, but the quote also

includes mobiles. The vendor quote number on the ICIP also does not match the attachment. Mr. Chadis added that the project cost on the ICIP does not match the quote. Mr. Wilder moved to approve only the portables, exclude the mobiles, pending re-submission by the agency. Second by Matt Barstow. Motion carried. Mr. Fiske advised he would reconnect with OGR to have the agency modify and resubmit for the next meeting.

- *HSGP 20-466 – Holden Fire Dept Prime Mover Subscriber Unit (Central)
Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. typographical error. Central region approved a prime mover for regional assets, and this is the multi-band subscriber. Motion to approve by Dave Spinosa, second by Scott Wilder. Motion carried.*
 - *HSGP 22-467 – BAPER / Northeast Microwave project, phase 2 (Northeast)
Dave Spinosa addressed the Committee. This is part of an ongoing project from FY-2020 for switches and routers for the microwave loop in the region. No RF equipment in this portion. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, second by Greg Lynskey.*
- 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. Nothing directly new. Added that they have reached out to the FCC and working with them and the manufacturers and utilities on the issue with the meters causing interference on the CoMIRS system. Mr. Fiske added a summary of the issue for those who were not at the last meeting and asked if Mr. Barstow could share with others what their findings were. Mr. Barstow will email it to Mr. Fiske who can distribute the information to agencies interested, for follow up in their areas. Mr. Fiske advised he would share it with CISA ECD so it could be shared in the region as well.*
- iii. Policy / Programs
Richard Fiske addressed the committee. The group did not meet today. As rereported last month, they continue to work on expanding on the Best Practice document. Those are due for the next meeting.

b. Councils

UASI-Metro Boston

Scott Wilder addressed the committee. No new projects to report. The Comms. trailer is now parked in Cambridge for the winter and the control panel issue was repaired. No questions from the committee.

Northeast

Dave Spinosa addressed the committee. They had a kickoff meeting for the Metro-north Fire buildout feasibility study which should be done in the coming weeks. They are working to address their programming initiative project at their next meeting now that funding and reimbursement process is worked out.

Southeast

Timothy Gover addressed the committee, advising no report. No questions from the committee.

Central

Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. Nothing significant to report. No questions from the committee.

Western

Not Present.

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

iv. SWIC:

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.

- *December 19th and 20th the PSAP COOP workshop was held as part of a technical assistance offering from CISA-ECD in Westboro. He thanked those who volunteered the two days of work. A draft template is due back on January 9th for review and edits before final.*
- *Continue meeting with State 911 on Comms and Interop. initiatives for 2023.*
- *EOPSS has authorized and posted a full-time position under the SWIC. Interoperability Communications Specialist position is open and posted in MassCareers. Asked the attendees to pass this along to anyone qualified and interested and encouraged them to apply.*
- *SCIP and MIFOG updates are coming soon. Anyone interested in being a part of that update working group was asked to contact Mr. Fiske.*
- *2023 is here and this is the first meeting. E.O. 493 formed this committee to enhance voice and data interoperability in the Commonwealth. Now that the new year is here, Mr. Fiske asked the committee members to survey their respective regions and disciplines and identify what they feel are gaps in this area that this committee can assist with addressing. Members were asked to bring these back for the next meeting for discussion.*
- *No questions from the committee.*

- v. NextGen911 / State 911 report:
Norm Fournier addressed the committee. Sherborn PSAP consolidated into NCRECC. Now 213 PSAPs in Mass and will work to reduced that number further in 2023. MTLs compliance has gone well with some, and more difficult with others and they continue to work with non-compliant systems. They will be rolling out the new DLR equipment over the weeks ahead which is a large project. No questions from the committee.
 - vi. FirstNet:
Gary McCarraher addressed the committee. FirstNet offers training on the network and how it works and encouraged any agencies who want to leverage that can contact him. They continue to roll out the cell booster pro program to users that are free. Don Denning updated on the recent storm response. Mass. fared well. CT. was worse off. NH lost a Crown Castle tower. Few sites in Mass went offline for different reasons, but overall, at peak they had 5. Ongoing planning on the technical session for anyone technical who wishes to see “under the hood” of the system and will work with the SWIC and the committee on that as it develops. No questions from the committee.
 - vii. Statewide Radio:
Mike Salzman addressed the committee. CoMIRS development continues to move. Phase 1A is delayed but did not move the finish line. Site lease work continues. Equipment staging is done and equipment has been delivered and starting install some Core equipment. No questions from the committee.
 - viii. System Owners:
None present.
3. Federal Partners – *Melissa Nazzaro addressed the committee. Thanked Mr. Fiske for work getting the technical assistance work done for 2022 including the PSAP COOP planning. That is on track for draft this month. 2023 has a new T/A “Rural EMS communications rapid assistance package” that enhances interop planning for EMS in rural areas as a tool. The Mass CSA is online and available to meet regional partners if there is interest to do so and that can be here or regional. Working on a regional resilience assessment program for N.E. info. and communications. Locate and describe critical infrastructure and impacts if they are comprised including downstream impacts. She will be connecting with S911 on some 911 data. Printed NIFOGs are available for anyone who wants them and can contact she or the SWIC for copies.*
4. **Old Business** – None.
- a. SCIP Goal work
 - b. Copper
 - c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects.
 - d. Cybersecurity

Adjourned at 2:09 pm.