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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Wednesday, February 1, 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) Gerry Reardon (UASI), Greg Lynskey (Central) Timothy Gover (Southeast) Jason Breault (Western)*

Others present: *Gary McCarragher (FirstNet), Alex Chadis (Newton Fire) Corey Swift (MCSA) Norm Fournier (Mass. State 911) Seth Peters (Central-CMRPC) Donald Denning (AT&T-FirstNet) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA) John Rugeiro (MSP Communications) Gary Fleischer (Fire District 5 radio comm.) Joe Gibbs (Yarmouth Fire) Chris Carelton (Central alternate) Cory Swift (MCSA) Brad Downey (MAPC) Lauren Sacks (MAPC/NERAC) Avery Serra (MAPC) Amy Reilly (MAPC) Anthony Fowler (FEMA DEC)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm, and addressed the committee. The rollcall was held.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a. January 4, 2023, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Jason Breault, second by Matt Barstow, Motion carried.*

b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

- HSGP 20-469 – Mobile radios and recorders (Northeast)

David Spinosa addressed the committee. Project to upgrade existing gateways replacing Fire Dist 15/5 current end of life radios in them. These are deployable to locations when needed. No questions from the committee. Motion to approved by Tim Gover, seconded by Gerry Reardon. Motion carried.

- HSGP 22-470 – VHF Consolettes (Northeast)

David Spinosa addressed the committee. Currently Fire Dist 5/15 have UHF and VHF patched together. Plan is to break the patch and get separate VHF and UHF wide area channels. Three are being provided to PSAPs that lack this. Mr. Fiske asked if these were being installed at those who lack this ability today. Mr. Spinosa stated yes, Rockport, N. Reading, and Beverly control point. No other questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Tim Gover, Greg Lynskey seconded. 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 and advised no update to report.*
- iii. Policy / Programs
Richard Fiske addressed the committee. The committee did meet earlier today. Work continues to expand information provided in both the Encryption Guidance bulletin and the Public Safety Best Practice Guidelines as previously discussed. That work continues and when complete, formatting will be done, then brought to this group for feedback and discussion before being presented as final for circulation after EOPSS approval.

b. Councils

Mr. Fiske addressed the committee. Last month as part of the start of 2023, he asked the regional representatives to connect with their interoperability subcommittees and identify gaps in this area that this committee could address collaboratively on behalf of the region, and potentially more than one region as part of the SIEC EMC responsibility as directed by Executive Order in furtherance of enhancing interoperability in the Commonwealth. He asked that reps include this in their reports moving forward.

UASI-Metro Boston

Gerry Reardon addressed the committee. Future decisions will be made for the UASI communities that will be impacted by the CoMIRS upgrade and Boston 7/800 system development and how that will effect their interoperability as seamless as possible. The MBTA radio upgrades in the tunnels will need more ports and availability to add interoperable channels there. Metrofire buildout in the north and south for coverage in these areas. SAFECOM is in discussions regarding encryption guidance which may include a requirement for multi-key encryption capabilities in the future. More to come on that as it develops. No questions from the committee.

Northeast

Dave Spinosa addressed the committee. Ongoing work is the Fire District radio and BAPERN to enhance the coverage and abilities. Add fireground channels for Dist 5/15 which has been a priority. Efforts to support BAPERN including improving the north district area which is a gap today. Addressing the needs of the Law Enforcement Councils as well. No question from the committee.

Southeast

Timothy Gover addressed the committee. Working closely with the LEC's, specifically in malls and areas that lack in building coverage, during incidents where these units respond to assist at incidents. Planning to add repeaters into some of the vehicles to be able to bring back the BAPERN signal into the core for better wide area coverage and combine channels when needed. No questions from the committee.

Central

Greg Lyskey addressed the committee. Have not meet since last SIEC EMC. Ongoing projects are insuring CoMIRS access by agencies for interop. Looking at Fire districts 7 and 8 potentially leveraging CoMIRS, as well as planning to replacing aging equipment for travel channels. No questions from the committee.

Western

Jason Breault addressed the committee. Continued discussion regarding migration of the Berkshire County to the CoMIRS system. PSAP interoperability is an issue as only BCSO can currently leverage multiple channels to do so. No question from the committee.

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

iv. SWIC:

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.

- *PSAP COOP template work for a draft was due back from the CISA team on January 9th for working group review and edits. That has been delayed several weeks. Waiting for that draft work to continue to get the plan final.*
- *TERT team is active and has had two training meetings that were very well attended, confirming the active participation by the members. There were two incidents that nearly triggered a deployment, but no request was formally made.*
- *Continue meeting with State 911 on Comms and Interop. initiatives for 2023. Recap for 2023 initiatives is:*
 - o *Inclusion of PSAPs and Telecommunicators in all full scale and functional drills and allowing PSAPs to leverage Training Grants to do so.*
 - o *Access for all PSAPs to the CoMIRS system statewide for interoperability and how that can be accomplished with funding and equipment.*
 - o *Enhanced voice and data interoperability between PSAPs who leverage their own unique systems, but need to share information contained in them,*

and what that solution looks like, leveraging a statewide network, software, governance, oversight, and funding.

- No questions from the committee.

v. **NextGen911 / State 911 report:**

Norm Fournier addressed the committee. Started replacing the DLR's at the PSAPs. Comtech did a map update and improved monitoring tools. Sent a survey out to PSAPs resulted in satisfied or very satisfied performance. Close to releasing the RFR for the next system contract which will be very complex. Working on the 560CMRs for standards and are making headwind to improve the current standards which are very old. Re-iterated the interest and participation in the TERT team which is good to see and will enhance public safety if the worst happens. Matt Barstow asked if there was a schedule for DLR replacements. Mr. Fournier advised that they will be hearing from a Systems Analyst who will coordinate the work with the PSAP on a schedule and Comtech for logins. He will try to get an outline out with some planned dates using their distro list.

vi. **FirstNet:**

Gary McCarraher addressed the committee. Reported 4.4 million connections with more than 24,000 agencies on the network. Reminded that they have in building coverage boosters available at no cost. Contact he or their local AT&T consultant. Mr. Denning added that there has been a change for HPUE device ordering where they reduce the price by \$600 instead of making it a credit on the invoice.

vii. **Statewide Radio:**

Matt Barstow addressed the committee. The upgrade project continues to move. Last 30 days reviewing structural and site reviews. Core equipment install continues. Stakeholder engagement continues with recent meetings with the Worcester / Shrewsbury system owners. Site acquisition RFR work is in progress for sites that were identified as added needs. No questions from the committee.

viii. **System Owners:**

None present.

3. Federal Partners – Anthony Fowler from FEMA DEC was present and recognized. He had no report.

4. Old Business – None.

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

Adjourned at 2:07 pm.