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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, March 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), David Spinosa (Northeast) Scott Wilder (UASI), Greg Lynskey (Central) Timothy Gover (Southeast) Jason Breault (Western)

Others present: Gary McCarraher (FirstNet), Corey Swift (MCSA) Seth Peters (Central-CMRPC) Donald Denning (AT&T-FirstNet) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA) Chris Carelton (Central alternate) Lauren Sacks (MAPC/NERAC) Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECD) Anthony Fowler (FEMA DEC) Renee Algarin (OGR Communications) Kayla Toner (OGR)Todd Castro (SRPED) Joe Griffin (GBPC-BAPERN)

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:37pm, and addressed the committee. The rollcall was held.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a. February 1, 2023, Minutes. Motion to accept by Jason Breault, second by Greg Lynskey, Motion carried.

b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

■ HSGP 20-468 – UHF Repeaters/Receivers (Southeast)

Tim Gover addressed the committee. Penetration of radio into areas such as large buildings and malls has been challenging in the past. BAPERN is working with some in the area regarding the ability to boost signals inside. These three GTRs and receivers will be installed into three command post trucks in the region. (METROLEC, SEMLEC, Plymouth CO) to augment BAPERN signals in this areas during incidents and events where coverage into them is lacking. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, Second by Jason Breault. Motion carried.

- HSGP 22-471 FD6 Groton VHF units and Westford Microwave (Northeast)

 David Spinosa addressed the committee. This is part of the ongoing FD6 improvement efforts. VHF unit for Groton and a microwave link from Westford. This is part of the larger project with prior approvals. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Jason Breault, second by Tim Gover. 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 *Not present*.
 - iii. Policy / Programs

Richard Fiske addressed the committee. The committee did not meet, however the work continues to expand information provided in both the Encryption Guidance bulletin and the Public Safety Best Practice Guidelines as previously discussed.

iv. Councils

UASI-Metro Boston

Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Most work ongoing now is preparing for the Marathon. Nothing further to report. No questions from the committee.

Northeast

Dave Spinosa addressed the committee. Reviewing projects for the next fiscal year. Working with MetroFire feasibility study for north which will give good info for needs for MetroFire. No Questions from the committee.

Southeast

Timothy Gover addressed the committee. No report. No questions from the committee.

Central

Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. They are working on a project to replace aging fire district radio equipment which will be seen by committee in the months ahead. Discussing a lack of a full tac-stack at the Worcester Millstone tower. It has 800 only. Looking to possibly build out V/U. No questions from the committee.

Western

Jason Breault addressed the committee. Discussed their budget for the next FY. Discussed the process for moving forward to get all PSAPs access to the 800 system that do not currently. Processing approvals for their video downlink receivers for the county CP

- b. State/Federal/Other Agencies
 - v. SWIC:

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.

- PSAP COOP template work continues. The federal team has the recent draft updates and is assembling a final document for WG review and approval.
- Meeting with HLS leadership on March 6 regarding SWIC 2023 Goals and objectives as part of the state homeland security strategy.
- SWIC is part of the MA CIRT (Cyber Incident Response Team) cross Secretariat team to address cyber incidents / threats that impact state agencies or ones we support. March 8 is an in person meeting where CoMIRS radios and SAT phones, coordinated under this office, will be issued to key members as part of the teams COOP capabilities.
- SCIP and MIFOG/eFOG are due for 2023 refresh. A tech. assistance request was made to CISA ECD for facilitating this working group and process for 2023. When that's approved, assembly of that WG will commence with work meetings to follow.
- SWIC is a member of NCSWIC (National Council of SWICS) Governance Committee and Policy & Tech. Committee for 2023.
- Attending the annual IWCE (International Wireless Communications Expo) in Nevada on March 28-31 with several other state SWICs and stakeholders.
- SAFECOM & NCSWIC Executive Committees are meeting in PA this week. A key topic there is possibly updating CAP P25 requirements to include multi-key encryption in lieu of just single key moving forward. More on that as it develops. No questions from the committee.
- vi. NextGen911 / State 911 report:

Not Present

vii. FirstNet:

Gary McCarraher addressed the committee. FirstNet has a new CEO starting March 11. They'll announce who it is in the future. Finished Superbowl support. Trying to get an AAR from their Comms. folks. Mr. Fiske asked if there was an AAR at any level if that could be sent along. Mr. McCarraher offered to visit any councils if they desire. Added if anyone has good or bad experiences with the network to reach out. Mr. Denning addressed the committee. Public Safety Ops team was part of the Superbowl planning. They are working on creating templates for special events as part of planning process including with the Boston Marathon. Focus on the local group is for planning for that. Echoed if anyone has issues with the network to please reach out so they can assist as they have reps locally to assist. No questions from the committee.

viii. Statewide Radio:

Not present. They are meeting with the vendor all day today regarding the project. Mr. Fiske added that the group is working on an outreach plan to partner agencies for ongoing updates and progress reports etc for stakeholders.

ix. System Owners:

Joe Griffin addressed the committee for BAPERN. They are still evaluating proposals regarding the simulcast equipment upgrade. Once they lock down these and establish a timeline they will move forward with final proposals which are coming in at 1.8 – 2.1 million. That work continues. No questions from the committee.

- 3. Federal Partners Melissa Nazzaro addressed the committee. Reiterated that SCIP and MIFOG T/A requests are pending approval so they can then start scoping calls for those. Nationwide SAFECOM survey that is scheduled to be released soon will be going out to stakeholders. Hope is they cast a wide net for replies, vs a fixed targeted list so as much feedback comes in as possible. No questions from the committee.
- 4. Old Business None.
 - a. SCIP Goal work
 - b. Copper
 - c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects.
 - d. Cybersecurity

Mr. Fiske advised there would be no April meeting due to the close proximity to the Marathon and the focus that members and stakeholders have on it. Next meeting is currently on for May.

Adjourned at 2:02 pm.