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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Conference ID: 770301676#
Wednesday, March 2, 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), David Spinosa (Northeast) Robert Verdone (Southeast Region), Scott Wilder (UASI), Matthew Barstow (Mass. State Police) Jason Breault (Western)*

Others present: *Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECD) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Gary McCarraher (FirstNet Authority) Corey Swift (MCSA) Norm Fournier (Mass. State 911) John Surette (Boston Police) Lauren Sacks,(MAPC NERAC)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes/Notes**
    a. January 12, 2022, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Jason Breault, second by Matt Barstow. Motion carried.*

    b. **PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:**
       ▪ HSGP21-443 – ECCOPA Cache Radios – Northeast.
       David Spinosa spoke to the Committee. This is a replacement project to replace radios that were previously purchased as cache radios. Heavily used asset during events such as the Topsfield Fair etc. Replacing the cache that was purchase with grant funding approximately 20 years ago. There were no questions from the Committee. Motion to approve the project by Scott Wilder, seconded by Jason Breault. Motion carried.

- HSGP21-444 – Littleton PD Consolette – Northeast.
  David Spinosa spoke to the Committee. All band consolette for Littleton PSAP. Border agency to LPS and BAPERN regions. Supports their operations for their backup PSAPs as well, and includes antenna work. No questions from the Committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Jason Breault. 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 other than they have technicians chasing some interference on the statewide system currently in Cambridge. Believe it may be resolved but will report at the next meeting.*
      iii. Policies/Programs Committee – No Meeting

   b. Councils
      iv. UASI-Metro Boston
      Scott Wilder addressed the Committee. No significant new business to report to the Committee since the last meeting / report.
      v. Northeast
      David Spinosa addressed the Committee. Other than the two projects presented today, they did receive the ECFA radios. Being engraved for their cache use. Working on adding additional RX site for Fire Dist. 5, 15, and 6. (Multi year project.) Continue the feasibility study for the tower on Pow-wow hill and dealing with some hurdles with that.
      vi. Southeast
      Rob Verdone spoke to the Committee. Working on finishing Copicut hill project. Some further work scheduled for the 12th. Mr. Fiske asked if all materials have been received and now its just labor? Mr. Verdone believes so but would confirm. Nothing further to report.
      vii. Central – Not Present
      viii. Western – *Jason Breault spoke to the Committee. Shelbourne Control is working on submitting a quote to the council for a console for patching use. They currently use a console for that now and the plan is to add this one to do the patching to free that up.*

   c. State/Federal/Other Agencies
      ix. SWIC
      Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.

- *SWIC and COMU Planning working group have been working to finalize a COMU Governance comprehensive document. That document is near completion. Met with two of the Undersecretaries who have oversight of divisions within EOPSS that involve COMU positions, and both were enthusiastic about the work and the program. Next steps are a formal meeting to review the final document next week with them, then move on to EOPSS legal for input, then later to SIEC EMC to introduce the document to the membership, and finally to the Secretary for EOPSS formal adoption.*
- *SWIC and Best Practices working group have worked to finalize a Public Safety Communications "Best Practice" Guideline to assist agencies with development, planning, and management of their communications systems and usage. A two page "top ten" bulletin has been finalized. Mr. Fiske introduced the document to the attendees. This will be distributed as widely as possible to stakeholders and to vendors for use and re-circulation. Next steps will be to expand each of the ten topics further in a more comprehensive language which will be available to anyone using the bulletin and wants to seek more information on any of the ten items for further reference. More to come on that as it develops. Both the COMU Governance document work and the Best Practice work have been SCIP goals to achieve.*
- *ICIP / NON HLSGP Grant projects reviewed by the SWIC:*
  - *Assistance to Fire Fighting / DFS: 3*
  - *Emergency Preparedness / MEMA: 1*
  - *Massachusetts Gaming Community Impact / MGC: 3*
  - *State 911 Regional Development: 1*
- *PSE-01 Contract / Motorola: There was a scheduled meeting with OSD and Motorola today that was believed to be a "final" meeting to iron out details to add Motorola to that purchasing vehicle. As more information becomes available the SWIC will pass on what's learned.*
- *SWIC is in planning discussions with CISA ECC regarding 2022 Technical Assistance training. Details are being worked on for a submission request. When CISA has a response to the request, further details will follow. Planning stages at this time.*
- *SWIC advised the Committee that large goals of the SCIP, HLSC, and SIEC are to further develop and enhance interoperability in Massachusetts. There has been discussion among many stakeholders regarding some communications projects that could go further to accomplish this goal, specifically with regional or cache subscriber radio projects. The major manufacturers of this equipment now offer different multi-band options, and this option should be strongly considered when planning these projects for grant fund use. This increases the equipment's interoperability and use case capability exponentially as opposed to just a single band piece of equipment. Mr. Verdone commented that the cost factor often weighs in on the decision for this type of equipment, and that these also leverage other interoperable resources such as Tac-stacks, etc. Mr. Fiske agreed that the cost has been a factor for some regions and commented that this is more for "big picture"*

appropriate grant funded long term interop use projects and while use cases for agency specific operable equipment may vary, these Interoperable projects should work toward accomplishing the enhanced interoperability goals as much as possible. While this is not currently a compliance requirement, the SWIC encouraged the members to take this back to their respective Interoperability Sub-Committees as food for thought for future planning.

- *FRCOG tower in Royalston that was declared as surplus: This topic was previously brought to the Committee regarding the required process that needed to be followed in order to liquidate the asset purchased with PSIC funds. It was addressed and confirmed at that time that FRCOG, EOPSS, OGR, SWIC, and FEMA were actively engaged on the process to ensure all requirements and CFR's, were followed. More recently, Congressman McGovern's Office contacted FEMA advising that a constituent expressed concerns to that office about the process and requested additional information. Additional dialog with the above stakeholders, including the Undersecretary and EOPSS legislative liaison took place. The FEMA representatives and their legal office were again provided with the efforts taken regarding this process to date and confirmed they were satisfied with the process and would report back to the Congressman's Office that all regulations and requirements were in fact being followed during this process.*

x. FirstNet - *Gary McCarraher spoke to the committee. Tuesday marked the tenth anniversary of the enactment of the FirstNet Authority. AT&T is on track to complete the required site buildouts by March 2023, and many additional subscribers. Advised that FirstNet has planning staff available to agencies who are planning to leverage LTE needs as part of an event or incident and encouraged any to reach out to the SWIC who can coordinate appropriate contacts.*

xi. NextGen911- No report

xii. Statewide Radio – *Matt Barstow spoke to the committee. Work on the new system continues. Site visits continue. Site civil work will be a large issue as part of the project. RFR for tower acquisitions will be released soon.*

xiii. System Owners – *John Surette spoke to the Committee. The VHF P25 Marine Response Channel for Boston PD has been expanded to a second site and has been added as a TG on the statewide system and patched. A UHF channel will be added in the future. He will provide the frequency and NAC information for future distro.*

3. Federal Partners – *Melissa Nazzaro spoke to the Committee.*
- *Working with the SWIC on the planning for 2022 T/A. Ongoing. Does not expect any pushback for approval.*
- *CISA ECC reports daily to the Regions and now works closer with the Region 1 CISA teams which allows them to work closer with their teams and projects and can assist with connecting agencies with those teams.*

- *Shields Up website through CISA was launched for the most up to date info on current threats and info on Cybersecurity. SWIC will distribute the links for the group.*

4. **Old Business –** None**.**
   a. SCIP Goal work
   b. Copper
   c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects
   d. Cybersecurity

5. **Adjourned at 2:13pm; Next Meeting: <u>TBD</u>**