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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC)

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)
50 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757
Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 1:30pm

MINUTES

Voting SIEC EMC members present: *Alexander Rock (ASWIC-EOPSS, Policy & Programs Committee), David Spinoso (Northeast), Gerry Reardon (UASI), Tim Gover (Southeast), Dennis Nazzaro (West)*

Others present: *Bruce Fitzgerald (FirstNet), Mike Saltzman (EOTSS CoMIRS), Sarah Malloy (EOPSS OGR), Kathryn Latimer (EOPSS OGR), Carli Harris (CMRPC), Calvin Jackson (Verizon Frontline)*

Mr. Rock chaired the meeting on behalf of Secretary Kwon and called the meeting to order at 1:37pm. Roll call was held.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a) January 7, 2026, Minutes. Motion to approve by Gerry Reardon, seconded by Dennis Nazzaro. Motion carried.

b) PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICPS Amendments:

- HSGP23-523 Revere Radio Cache- UASI. *Gerry Reardon addressed the committee. This cache is used for special events and will be replacing older XTS with new APX multi-band radios. No comments or questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Tim Gover, seconded by David Spinoso. Motion carried.*
- HSGP23-524 Everett BAPER/800 Radio Consolettes-UASI. *Gerry Reardon addressed the committee. The consolettes will be used to replace some BAPER equipment and the 800 consolettes that were out of date. The new consolettes will meet SIEC standards. No comments or questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Tim Gover, seconded by David Spinoso. Motion carried.*

c) Discussion on any other current projects that have been reviewed previously and need action or have pending concerns- N/A

d) Discussion on any newly submitted projects that require distribution and review prior to action that were not anticipated or included here- N/A

2. Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. **Data Committee-** N/A
- ii. **RF Committee-**N/A
- iii. **Policy / Programs-** *Alex Rock addressed the committee. Nothing new to report at this time. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

b. Councils

- iv. **UASI-Metro Boston** – *Gerry Reardon addressed the committee. At this time there is no update on FY25. As of now we are making sure all FY23 and FY24 grants that have been funded are in process and spent down in a timely fashion. Most all are in good shape and on target to close in time for the end of this fiscal year. No other comments or questions from the committee.*
- v. **Northeast-** *David Spinosa addressed the committee. Similar situation to UASI as we are waiting to hear on FY25 and spending down FY23 and FY24. We are holding our meeting next week and will have more information after then. No other comments or questions from the committee.*
- vi. **Southeast-** *Tim Gover addressed the committee. Nothing new to report at this time. We are still waiting for the equipment to come in for BAPERN southeast expansion. No other comments or questions from the committee.*
- vii. **Central-** N/A.
- viii. **Western-** *Dennis Nazzaro addressed the committee. West has elected an alternate for SIEC Robert VanZandt. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

- i. **SWIC:** *Alex Rock addressed the committee. SWIC report – SIEC EMC MAR 2026*
 - *Mr. Fiske is in person at the 911 Commission meeting today to brief on TERT funding changes and the importance of COOP and PACE planning that was highlighted during last week's storm.*
 - *The Comms and Interop Summit sponsored by the NTIA and EOPSS / SWIC's office was held January 22nd. This in-person event was well attended, with 99 signed in attendees. Registration requests exceeded 140, which was far beyond the venues capacity so unfortunately, we had to turn some away. Based on that and positive feedback from attendees we are going to work to schedule another summit sometime in the Spring if we can work out the logistics. More to come as this develops.*
 - *FirstNet regional coverage workshops are aiming to be scheduled also in the Spring months ahead in the region. I will ask the regional interop reps here on this committee to pass along the schedule and invites to stakeholders in their regions when the dates are established. Thank you to the Authority for sending along the shape files for discussion and comparison.*
 - *There was a statewide Fire Mobilization Committee Meeting last January. We will be working with the Fire Mob committee to update the statewide communications plan and how CoMIRS can be leveraged as a tool, especially during large activations from multiple districts. The plan will likely align with the rollout of the new CoMIRS system in lieu of trying to accomplish this between the cutover which would certainly lay out the comms plan differently.*

- *We deployed the TERT team under the MA COMU for the Town of Uxbridge for coverage as a result of their officer who was tragically killed when he was struck by a tractor-trailer unit while assisting at a crash on the highway. Deployment was January 7 until midnight, and again January 13 – 20, covering all shifts, 24/7 for 8 days. Over a dozen team members stepped up for this deployment. These members are funded by the State 911 Department through a TERT grant to PSAPs for MA COMU credentialed TERT members through the SWIC office.*
 - *The SWIC Participated as an evaluator for an ASHER TTX at Polar Park in Worcester on Feb. 13. This was an ASHER / MCI drill intended to test the Park and City planning. A functional and full-scale exercise is planned for the future.*
 - *Verizon Wireless has rolled out “5G slicing” for public safety in many areas of Mass. and has offered to allow agencies to demo this capability with equipment during large events. This was extended to all EOPSS agencies. Any public safety agency wishing to learn more or connect with them on this can reach out to their rep. directly, or to this office and we will get you in touch with the appropriate rep.*
 - *SWIC staffed the ESF-2 statewide position in the SEOC last week, M-F 0700-1900 for the Blizzard. The SEOC was extremely active throughout the southeast region and the cape and islands. At the end, over 200 resource requests, and 60 communities were provided with assistance through the SEOC across all ESF’s over the 4-day run. This stresses the importance of the ESF role in these EOC activations and how they all work together on common missions. An After-Action meeting is hopefully being scheduled soon for all to learn from this event. This AAR will need review to discuss gaps discovered during last week’s storm both in COOP and PACE planning. More to come on this...*
 - *There is a comms and interop working group meeting planned for next week 3/11 for World cup.*
 - *CISA has been able to get approval to re-schedule the COM-L and COM-T that were originally scheduled at the end of 2025. COM-L has been approved in New Hampshire April 7-10 in Portsmouth, NH and COM-T in Massachusetts April 7-10, location TBD. These are pending confirmation but as of now, these are the dates. Those who have already registered for the first session that was cancelled will have first opt in, and others later. Watch for more in an outreach email.*
- No other comments or questions from the committee.*

ii. **State 911 Report:** N/A

iii. **FirstNet:** *Bruce Fitzgerald addressed the committee. Massachusetts continues to be the leading state in the nation with over 56 coverage surveys sent in for review. We are looking at some regional work sessions to dig into the information. FirstNet continues to be engaged with World Cup planning. We are looking to do a workshop on March 17th in the Foxboro area. Look for an invitation coming out shortly. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

iv. **Statewide Radio:** *Mike Saltzman addressed the committee. Statewide radio continues on. Site work and tower work is continuing even though we have run into weather problems with some of the high sites in central and western mass. Phase 1A Western Mass cutover looks like it will happen still in June of 2026 as we wrap up the western sites and work in central mass. The*

project is looking like it will be completed in mid-2027. Every agency that has a CoMIRS interoperable radio currently is being contacted for updates to comply with the new system if capable and pricing for the updates has been extended. No other comments or questions from the committee.

v. **System Owners:**

BAPERN- N/A

WMLEC- N/A

vi. **Federal Partners:** N/A

Unfinished Business:

a. Copper

b. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects.

c. Cybersecurity

d. Continuing updates to interoperable best practices throughout the Commonwealth

Announcements:

None.

Next meeting in April, TBD.

*Motion to adjourn was made at 2:04pm by Tim Gover, seconded by Gerry Reardon.
Carried and adjourned at 1:58pm.*