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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC)

State 911 Department, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)

31 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 1:30pm

MINUTES

Voting SIEC EMC members present: *Richard Fiske (SWIC), Alexander Rock (ASWIC, Policy & Programs Committee), David Spinosa (Northeast), Scott Wilder (UASI), Greg Lynskey (Central)*

Others present: *Chris Carleton (Central Alternate), David Clemons (DFS) Chad Snow (AT&T-FirstNet), Gary Mcarraher (FirstNet), Gary Fleischer (Worcester Fire), Matt Barstow (MSP), John Robinson (DRECC FEMA Reg 1), Anthony Fowler (TS FEMA Reg1), Seth Peters (CMRPC), Norm Fournier (State 911), Joe Griffin (BAPERN), Brian Nichols (EOPSS OGR), Sarah Cook (EOPSS OGR), Melissa Nazzaro (ECC CISA Reg1), Mike Saltzman (EOTSS CoMIRS)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting on behalf of Secretary Reidy and called the meeting to order at 1:32pm. Roll call was held.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

- a) March 6, 2024, Minutes. Motion to approve by Matt Barstow, seconded by David Spinosa, Motion carried.

b) PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICPS Amendments:

- *HSGP22-487 Revere Maritime Mobile – UASI. Scott Wilder spoke on the subject. Revere is looking for a Motorola APX8500 multiband mobile for their boat. After reviewing the quote, it was deemed to meet criteria. Mr. Fiske agreed. Motion to approve made by David Spinosa and seconded by Greg Lynskey. Motion carried.*
- *HSGP23-488 Franklin County Multiband Cache – West. Mr. Fiske spoke on the subject. This project will replace dated unsupported cache radios for the Western region. Having reviewed the project, it was deemed in compliance with all required featuresets. Motion to approve made by Alex Rock and seconded by David Spinosa. 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-** *Matt Barstow addressed the committee concerning the ongoing electrical meter interference. As of February 1st Eversource advised on the replacement of over 5000 electric meters from the batch that was found to be defective with about 275 more to go. Hopefully the problem is resolved. If anyone has reports of interference in the future, please let the committee know. No other questions or comments from the Committee.*
- iii. **Policy / Programs-** *Alex Rock addressed the committee. Policy and Programs held a meeting earlier in the day to discuss adoption of the Wireless Carrier Diversity Best Practices Guidance. Some sub committee members raised concerns about verbiage of the guidance. Adoption has been tabled until those changes are made and discussed at the next Policy and Programs meeting. Also discussed at the meeting was forming a requirement of CoMIRS featureset in any grant funded subscribes going forward. The Sub Committee viewed this favorably as it better aligns grant funding with the highest level of interoperability and TICIP. No other questions or comments from the Committee.*

b. Councils

- i. **UASI-Metro Boston** –*Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Nothing new to report other than full steam ahead in preparation for the Boston Marathon. No other questions or comments from the Committee.*
- ii. **Northeast-** *David Spinosa addressed the committee. Next interop meeting will be addressing budget projects for the upcoming fiscal year. Preparation for the Boston Marathon continues. Also, applicants have been received for the programming project. Those individuals are going through the process of being certified and signed off by their communities. Mr. Fiske remarked that Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln should join in on this effort and he will be providing outreach to coordinate. It was recently realized the Police and Fire departments of those communities lack correct programing of the Tactical Interoperable Channel Plan and would benefit from this program. No other questions or comments from the Committee.*
- iii. **Southeast-N/A**
- iv. **Central-** *Nothing new to report.*
- v. **Western-N/A**

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

- i. **SWIC:** *Richard Fiske addressed the committee.*
 - *MIFOG EFOG working group is upcoming. We are looking for individuals who are interested in participating in this working group. Anyone interested should contact Rich Fiske or Alex Rock. This working group will provide updates that will carry the MIFOG for the next 3 years.*
 - *Continuing Boston Marathon planning. The final meeting will be held at GHQ on Friday.*

- Concord Lexington 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War planning is ongoing with many events taking place simultaneously on the same week as Boston Marathon. This will put stress on First responders and resources throughout the region.
- Preliminary discussions have begun at the Federal level RECCWG and CISA ECD for FIFA World Cup. This is going to be a large event with many people attending.
- Williamstown success story. A 3-day search and rescue for a missing person on the border of New York yielded excellent results for interoperability. Working together with New York State agencies and Massachusetts State and local agencies, this remote area with little LMR coverage and no Wireless broadband connectivity was made serviceable within 12 hours of calls placed to request resources. Anyone looking for a more detailed AAR can contact Rich Fiske. No other questions or comments from the Committee.

ii. **State 911 Report:** Norm Fournier addressed the committee.

- 911 is continuing to do a significant amount of work in the data centers. PSAPS will experience minimal impact on operations with upgrades completed going well so far.
- Verizon is decommissioning or replacing copper connections on the Islands. 911 is working with a vendor to provide secondary connectivity options for these PSAP centers. No other comments or questions from the Committee.

iii. **FirstNet:** Gary Mccarraher addressed the committee.

- FirstNet is in receipt of the initial report from AT&T regarding the breach on February 22nd. This will be an ongoing inquiry.
- 5G now has full function set as of March 1st, this will allow priority and preemption.
- AT&T has had a data breach as was reported in the news. This breach did not affect FirstNet customers.
- Cell Booster Pro Grant program still in place.
- Five by Five conference coming up in June 25^h-27th at the Fairmont in Chicago. Registration for this event is still open.

Mike Saltzman had a question regarding the gap between certainly trying to bring a report vs we will provide a report. Gary responded by stating "I will provide the most transparent report that I can within my parameters."

Greg Lynskey posed a question regarding any correlation between the service outage six weeks prior and the recent data breach. Gary responded by stating "We are working both fronts very diligently and will get back."

Scott Wilder posed a question regarding the chances of axe throwing against any public safety networks as far as interfering with communications due to the data breach. Gary responded by stating "we have no evidence that any of the FirstNet information was leaked in the data breach, agency billing information is a totally separate system."

Chad Snow followed up Gary. He spoke to the Committee and reiterated Garys statements. Chad added that everything is a green light for the Boston Marathon. No other questions or comments from the Committee.

iv. **Statewide Radio:** Mike Saltzman addressed the committee.

- CoMIRS continues to move along with completion still aiming for mid-2026. 1A has progressed slowly due to the weather conditions in Western Mass. This has allowed the rest of the State to start receiving some attention. As the weather starts breaking now, 1A will start ramping up.

- CoMIRS is starting to see interoperability occurring with other major projects, most notably City of Boston, UASI and MBTA. Rich Fiske has called meetings with these agencies to better understand the interoperable communications component moving forward. No other questions or comments from the Committee.

v. **System Owners:**

BAPERN- Joe Griffin addressed the committee. AW3 and AW4 simulcast upgrades have been completed. Work is moving now to upgrade the remote receiver sites. An exercise at Hanscom AFB was conducted earlier in the week utilizing AW4 and all comments from participants were positive. Mr. Fiske noted the system sounds exponentially better and noticeably new. No other questions or comments from the Committee.

WMLEC-N/A

vi. **Federal Partners:** Melissa Nazzaro addressed the committee.

-April is Emergency communications month with a focus on GETS and WPS services. A push for GETS and WPS is being made in the oil and gas industries as well as the K-12 sector.

- ESF2 spring training workshop is scheduled in Denver April 22nd through the 25th

- Next scheduled meeting for FIFA World cup meeting will take place on May 14th and 15th in Dallas.

-Save the date for next NCSWIC / SAFECOM meeting announced June 3rd through June 7th
Location is TBD.

-Cyber Security Front- Peoples Republic of China state sponsored Volt Typhoon has been prepositioning themselves on US critical infrastructure organizational networks attempting to cause interruption or destruction of critical infrastructure devices. The initial advisory was released on February 7th providing detailed information about this group. Information is available on the CISA website.

- On 4-1-24 Riley County Kansas suffered a brute force cyber attack that compromised their P25 LMR trunk system. Due to the severity of this cyber incident the county has made an emergency disaster declaration and is functioning on an emergency backup radio system with no restoration of service expected for weeks. More information is available online as well as a release from the P25 system vendor. Mr. Fiske addressed the Committee stating that this will be a good opportunity for others to learn before falling victim to these types of attacks." This is a good message to take back through system owners and stakeholder group meetings. We all use a vendor, and vendor assurance is one thing but proof or a test or drill to assure this can't happen is the only level of confidence a customer should be comfortable with."

-Anthony Fowler from addressed the Committee. Boston Marathon final meeting tomorrow.

Grant Fournier region Communications Chief will be at MEMA on race day as the Federal communications representative. Region 1 will be standing up an enhanced watch on race day.

-World cup meetings coming up after ESF2. No other questions or comments from the Committee.

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 May, TBD.

Motion to adjourn made at 2:12pm by Scott Wilder. Carried and adjourned at 2:12pm.