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**SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting**

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Wednesday, April 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) Chris Ryan (Northeast) Robert Verdone (Southeast Region), Scott Wilder (UASI), Gerry Reardon, (UASI) Jason Breault (Western) Robert Gariepy (Western) James Barclay (Central)*

**Others present:** *Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Mike Girard (MEMA) Gary McCarraher (FirstNet Authority) Norm Fournier (Mass. State 911) Lauren Sacks, (MAPC NERAC) Mike Salzman (EOTSS ICB) Ben Podsiadlo (EOPSS OGR) Roger Marshall (Verizon) Seth Peters CMPCM-Central)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

**1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes**

- a. March 2, 2022, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Scott Wilder, second by Dave Spinosa. Motion carried.*

**2. New Business / Announcements**

**a. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:**

- HSGP18-20-445 – Boston Community Radio Project – UASI  
*Gerry Reardon spoke to the Committee. Continuation to a two part program for consollettes to connect to CoMIRS and Boston trunked radio system by RF. Replacing end of life equipment. Mr. Fiske asked what communities were getting the two on this ICIP. Mr. Reardon stated he believes one is Cambridge, and the other was possibility Quincy but not sure. Mr. Fiske stated the ICIP has Boston Police retaining ownership of the consoles, not the receiving agency and asked if that was accurate. Mr. Reardon stated*

*he believes that is the case. Mr. Fiske Commented that the quote references state contract PSE-01 from Motorola, who is not currently on this contract but should be soon so that may need to be updated at some point. No other questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Dave Spinosa, second by Jason Breault. Motion carried.*

- HSGP21-446 – Everett Radios – UASI

*Gerry Reardon spoke to the Committee. These are subscribers for police and fire. Multiband for police for Interop with MSP. The Fire radios have encryption removed. Mr. Fiske asked if the “Conventional” line needed to be added for the feature list for the conventional bands in the 8000 model, or if its included. Mr. Reardon advised that the specs have changed as to how these are ordered but believes that when trunking is added to the order, that conventional comes with it. Mr. Fiske Commented that the quote references state contract PSE-01 from Motorola, who is not currently on this contract but should be soon so that may need to be updated at some point. No other questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Dave Spinosa, Second by Jason Breault. Motion carried.*

- HSGP19-21-448 – ECFCA Receiver Project – Northeast

*Dave Spinosa spoke to the Committee. This is part of the ongoing project with Fire Dist. 5 and 15. Six receivers to improve wide area network coverage for the cities and towns in that area. No questions from the Committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, Second by Gerry Reardon. Motion carried.*

- HSGP21-447 – NERAC Radio Programming Initiative – Northeast

*Dave Spinosa spoke to the Committee. This is a project for backfill and overtime for COM-Ts to update and program agency subscribers in the region to update their radios to comply with MTCP and regional comms plans. Working out logistics as to how to operationalize this with MAPC. Discussion among the committee members ensued regarding agency cooperation, reimbursement process, and hope of similar efforts in other regions. Motion to approve by Jim Barclay. Second by Jason Breault. Motion Carried.*

- b. Discussion on any other current projects that have been reviewed previously and need action or having pending concerns. None from the attendees.
- c. 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.

### **3. Reports**

- a. Standing Committees

- i. Data Committee – No meeting.
- ii. RF Committee – No meeting
- iii. Policies/Programs Committee – No meeting

- b. Councils

- iv. UASI-Metro Boston  
*Scott Wilder and Gerry Reardon addressed the Committee. Boston Marathon prep work is ongoing and U.S. Open planning for Comms has ramped up and will increase after the Marathon. Watching the progress on the CoMIRS and Boston trunked radio project so plans can be made by any agency who needs to make changes when those projects are further along.*
  - v. Northeast  
*David Spinosa addressed the Committee. Finished ECFCA subscriber project. Cache located at NSRECC. Subscriber project for ECPCA is pending equipment delivery. Littleton consolute project is awaiting equipment delivery. Pow-Wow hill tower is on hold due to land issues with the town. Chris Ryan advised the committee of the recent full-scale drill in Burlington funded through NERAC and the need for Comms and Interop planning to be part of those there and in the other regions. Mr. Fiske commented that this planning and component for all HLGP funded drills is required and should include the regional Interop. Subcommittees, an ICIP, and SIEC involvement. More effort to cover this at all region levels will be made so this happens more uniformly.*
  - vi. Southeast  
*Rob Verdone spoke to the Committee. Copicut hill equipment is mostly complete with final install on the 18<sup>th</sup> scheduled. New project for backhaul for BAPERN in southwest and Bristol CO in the works.*
  - vii. Central –  
*Jim Barclay advised he had no report.*
  - viii. Western –  
*Jason Breault spoke to the Committee. Approved a purchase to replace cache radios in Berkshire CO. Shelburne Control dropped the CoMIRS and UHF patch. Mr. Fiske asked who was using UHF only. Mr. Breault advised a few may be still but transitioning. Mr. Salzman added that Fire paging is still using this for now. Mr. Fiske advised Mr. Breault that the WMLEC team is interested in any of the UHF infrastructure that Franklin CO may decommission and encouraged him to pass this along so that outreach takes place at that time.*
- c. State/Federal/Other Agencies
- ix. SWIC  
*Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.*
    - *MA COMU Governance document has been finalized. SWIC met with Undersecretaries Collins and Benincasa to review the comprehensive document. We agreed EOPSS legal would review next, and it is currently with them. Meeting with U/S Collins next week to go over their feedback. TERT was included / added as a COMU position and work with MA NENA who is spearheading TERT in MA to get that done has been fruitful. This was addressed at the most recent S-911 Commission meeting and has great support from EOPSS and S911.*
    - *The first release of a Communications Best Practice Document was finalized and circulated among many stakeholders to include vendors who are involved with*

*public safety agencies in Mass. Mr. Fiske described the document, its intent, and future expansion.*

- *The PSE-01 / Motorola contract issue is still pending. As of this week, information from OSD is that they are waiting on signatures from Motorola to move this forward to add them.*
- *DHS/CISA has responded to the SWICs application for T/A funding for efforts. All five topics were approved. They are:*
  - o *SOP Planning – COOP Plans for ECCs / PSAPS / RECCs*
  - o *1 COM-L Course, 1 COM-T Course, and 1 INTD (Incident Tactical Dispatcher) Course*
  - o *WPS/GETS expansion use statewide*
- *Mass. Tactical Channel Plan update is nearly complete. Working on final edits and zone formatting for publication. Many audits, adds, deletions, and corrections for a true tactical interop statewide plan for public safety use.*

- x. *NextGen911- Mr. Fiske addressed the Committee. Norm Fournier has a conflicting meeting that runs into this one and is going to work to schedule a better time. Polled the Committee with a suggestion to add this report directly after the SWIC if none objected. No members objected.*
- xi. *FirstNet - Gary McCarraher spoke to the committee. AT&T continues to work on tower buildouts in Western Mass and are on schedule. Confirmed Boston Marathon and US Open First Net planning is ongoing as well.*
- xii. *Statewide Radio – Mike Salzman spoke to the Committee. The progress is on schedule. Site and shelters etc are a process. He reviewed the timeline of the project and the radio upgrade replacement process for operable user.*
- xiii. *System Owners – None present.*

**4. Federal Partners – None present.** *Mr. Fiske addressed the committee that CISA is highly focused on Cyber threats. Anyone who wants more Cyber threat intelligence bulletins etc. can reach out to the SWIC who will work to connect them with resources that they may not have currently. Reardon added that CISA has recognized April as Emergency Comms month which is good progress.*

**5. Old Business – None.**

- a. *SCIP Goal work*
- b. *Copper*
- c. *Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects*  
*Reviewed by the SWIC for compliance and approval:*
  - *State 911 Regional Development: 21*
  - *Mass. Gaming Commission: 5*

**6. Cybersecurity**

**Adjourned at 2:20pm; Next Meeting: TBD**