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

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)

50 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 1:30pm

### **MINUTES**

**Voting SIEC EMC members present:** *Alexander Rock (ASWIC-EOPSS, Policy & Programs Committee), Chris Ryan (Northeast), Dennis Nazzaro (Western), Greg Lynskey (Central), Chris Carlton (Central Alternate), Scott Wilder (UASI), Gerry Reardon (UASI)*

**Others present:** *Bruce Fitzgerald (FirstNet), Mike Saltzman (EOTSS CoMIRS), Kathryn Latimer (EOPSS OGR), Sarah Malloy (EOPSS OGR), Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECC Reg1), Roger Marshall (Verizon), Norm Fournier (State 911), Cory Swift (MCSA), Joe Griffin (BAPERN), Gary Fleischer (Worcester FD)*

Mr. Rock 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 5, 2025, Minutes. Motion to approve by Greg Lynskey, seconded by Alex Rock, Motion carried.

#### **b) PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICPS Amendments:**

- *HSGP22-504 – Brookline Multiband Radios – UASI – Scott Wilder spoke on the subject. The multiband radios include 8 for the Police and 6 for the Fire department. This will allow the department to move forward with as many multiband radios as possible. No other questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, second by Greg Lynskey. Motion carried.*
- *HSGP23-505 – Field Comm. Radio Cache – Northeast – Chris Ryan spoke on the subject. NERAC is presenting a request for 12 all band portable radios, 6 to be kept in Field Comm 20 at Lawrence Fire, and the other 6 will be in Field Comm 60 at Lowell Fire. The radios will include speaker mics, chargers, programming, and all accessories to maintain the cache of radios in both locations. Gery Reardon came forth with a question to Mr. Ryan. Will these radios include standard analog trunking? Mr. Ryan confirmed the radios will include analog trunking as part of the features purchased. No other comments or questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Greg Lynskey, seconded by Gery Reardon. Motion carried.*

- *HSGP24-506- Multiband radios – CEMLEC- Central – Greg Lynskey spoke on the subject. This will be a purchase of 20 portable all band radios. The radios will meet al of the CoMIRS requirements. 10 radios will come with SetComm headsets to be utilized by the CEMLEC motorcycle officers for coordination during events. The remaining 10 radios will be issued out to drone operators for response. No other comments or questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Dennis Nazzaro. 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-
- *HSGP 23-507- ROIP Gateway Hampshire County Police and Fire – Western – Dennis Nazzaro spoke on the subject. This project will take 4 radio channels in Hampshire County and allow them to be available on VoIP programs such as Zello or other IP resources. The Hampshire County channels are currently controlled by the State Police with no local control and have been going up and down. This will allow us local control of the following channels, County Fire, County Fire Ground and two additional channels. No other comments or questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Greg Lynskey, seconded by Scott Wilder. Motion carried.*

## 2. Reports

### a. Standing Committees

- i. **Data Committee-** N/A
- ii. **RF Committee-** N/A
- iii. **Policy / Programs-** *Policy and Programs held a meeting earlier in the day today. The topic of discussion was expanding grant funding requirements for the ICIP. After lengthy discussions the committee unanimously agreed on two expansion measures. All ICIP subscribers brought forth must include a minimum of two (2) RF bands at the time of purchase. If selecting UHF, coverage shall comply with range 2 (450-520MHz). And secondly, any radio purchased with trunking features capable of (700/800MHz) operation shall meet the minimum CoMIRS requirements outlined at time of purchase. More to come as this topic moves forward. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

### b. Councils

- i. **UASI-Metro Boston –** *Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Not much to report out, other than region wide, we had a very successful Boston Marathon. Mr. Wilder would like to thank all the parties that assisted with this event. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*
- ii. **Northeast-** *N/A.*
- iii. **Southeast-** *N/A*
- iv. **Central-** *Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. Nothing to report from Central.*
- v. **Western-** *Dennis Nazzaro addressed the committee. The Western Region is looking into starting a local COMU team with guidance from the State. The region has multiple communication resources available with no one to champion these assets. A perfect example*

*of such is the WMLEC trailer since Chief Kozlosky has announced his retirement. We will be looking to put together a team that can be cross trained on all communication equipment and go out and deploy. The COMU is in the very beginning stages currently. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

### **c. State/Federal/Other Agencies**

- i. **SWIC:** *Mr. Rock addressed the committee. Mr. Fiske will be traveling to Bellevue Washington in a couple of weeks to represent Massachusetts at the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) / FirstNet Authority 5x5 conference. He was asked by the authority to present as part of a panel regarding the use of the FirstNet user portal and how we leverage it here in the Commonwealth for planning purposes, users, and situational awareness for both emergencies and preplanned events.*

*-As many of the committee members know, we recently completed the updated version of the MIFOG. Mr. Fiske is in the process of working out funding to print hard copies of that document for circulation to public safety agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Updates will be provided on release dates when printing is completed, and that document becomes available in hard copy form.*

*As an added note, we have learned that unfortunately, the federal government has terminated funding for the contract to upload and host the virtual EFOG document in the App Store. At this moment it is unclear if or when that updated document will be available in virtual form. I would like to mention that NCSWIC and SAFECOM have been very strong advocates on behalf of the states with the federal government to continue many of these programs utilizing federal employees or by other means. The work they do is crucial, so we do not lose traction on everything that's been collectively achieved over the last decade or so. As we learn more about this development, details will be shared with this committee.*

*-The Commonwealth is in the process of updating our new wireless broadband contract. The current wireless broadband contract has been in place for about five years and is up for modification and renewal. Mr. Fiske will be part of the working group on behalf of the Executive Office of Public Safety and this committee. Best efforts will be made to advocate on behalf of public safety to hold these wireless carriers to a standard that prioritizes public safety users. When that contract is completed, the information will be shared with the committee.*

*-With the Boston Marathon and the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration events now complete, this office plans to provide some after-action feedback to both groups regarding communications and interoperability. A more formal version of tracking that information is being developed with our partners now. Anyone who wishes to provide any feedback regarding communications and interoperability for those events is welcome to forward it to Mr. Fiske so that it may be included in the comments of the AAR.*

*-World Cup 2026 planning for communications and interoperability will be commencing on a more formal basis soon. Formal working groups have been created that involve multiple federal, state and local partners. Mr. Fiske will be representing this office in the executive steering group and in the communications and interoperability group.*

*-Mr. Fiske will be participating in Massachusetts statewide planning meetings for the future of FirstNet in the Commonwealth and will work to include representation from all regions throughout the state and across all disciplines. This will be a statewide meeting, with virtual sessions following regarding what (we) as a state feel FirstNet should be focusing on. As many members may recall, a request has been made to all the representatives here on this committee, to*

*go back to their constituent groups and solicit feedback from those groups regarding priority and preemption wireless, broadband coverage needs, and any other support that the FirstNet authority can provide to state and local government in the respective regions. As of now, we have received very little feedback. We are again making this ask and strongly encourage you to connect with your constituents so we can have a productive meeting when these sessions occur. It is very important that all disciplines in all regions are fairly represented, and all their voices are heard. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

- ii. **State 911 Report:** *Norm Fournier addressed the committee. As usual, things have been very busy. State 911 has recently taken over Berkshire County dispatch from Berkshire County Sherrieff. Our director out there has been meeting with many of the constituents and public safety representatives. We have brought aboard a new radio technician as reported in the past. Thanks, Alex, for participating in their selection. 911 is also in the process of hiring an operations manager. The PSAP at the north shore has had many communities' express interest and studies are being conducted for onboarding these different communities. On the 911 front, bidding process is closed for replacing the call handling solution. The SSST (Strategic Sourcing Servicing Team) has been formed, and we are working on all the evaluation criteria hoping to finalize next week to open the bids and see what we have. On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a commission meeting, on the 20th 911 will be testifying before the DTC because of expenses we have. No other comments or questions from the committee.*
- iii. **FirstNet:** *Bruce Fitzgerald addressed the committee. FirstNet will be holding the 5x5 conference in Seattle on the first week of June. As stated earlier, Mr. Fiske will be coming out to discuss FirstNet Central as a member of one of our panels with some comments he has made over the past few years regarding usability and function that could be improved. FirstNet is planning coverage enhancement workshops in all 50 states. One has been done in New Hampshire already with the rest of the New England states to be scheduled this summer and into the fall. This workshop is basically going to look at the public safety feedback of FirstNet and where you think coverage can be improved. This information will go into our investment model and how we will reinvest into the network over the next 9 or 10 years. With the upcoming World Cup FirstNet would like to participate in planning meeting so we may funnel up as much information as we can to AT&T so we can prepare the network as best we can. No other comments or questions from the committee.*
- iv. **Statewide Radio:** *Mike Saltzman addressed the committee. Work is moving along on the 91 plus sites this includes site work and antennas being installed. Western Mass work has been moving along well and getting to near completion. 1B+ sites in southeastern Mass and central Mass has begun. Recently all may have seen a communication that has gone out for the planning of the transition of radios to the new system. Any new radios purchased after 2020 have the features needed for this transition. But many of the older radios out for a while may not have the necessary featuresets. We identified under the Radio Upgrade Program (RUP) a couple years ago, all radio that belong to CoMIRS operable users. These radios were replaced or if compatible upgraded to the new features. CoMIRS has contracted with Motorola and JVC Kenwood to provide the featuresets required for the new system for all eligible radios identified. One issue encountered was older model radios being discontinued for upgrades. CoMIRS was able to get Motorola to extend the upgrade window on those radios until the end of August this*

*year. Motorola will upgrade any APX AN model until the end of August. CoMIRS is trying to identify these radios that will not work on the new system unless upgraded before this window closes. Motorola will be hired to provide services to go to the locations and identify these radios and read them into Radio Management to find exactly what they need. The Commonwealth under the CoMIRS program will cover the upgrade. Any questions can be directed to the CoMIRS email address. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

v. **System Owners:**

***BAPERN-** Joe Griffin addressed the committee. BAPERN will be expanding into Bristol County over the next 12 to 14 months. This expansion will be known as the BAPERN Southwest District. This district will encompass 20 departments and with some colleges upwards of 25 agencies. Funding for the equipment should be before this committee from the Southeast Homeland Security for next month's meeting. No other comments or questions from the committee.*

***WMLEC-** N/A*

- vi. **Federal Partners:** *Melissa Nazzaro addressed the committee. April was going to be the month for the Technical Assistance offering season two for this federal fiscal year. Massachusetts did submit a total of 6 TA requests, 3 for the state alone and 3 regional requests. All requests were made under the auspices of using the World Cup funding mechanism. While the TA requests were submitted, We are not sure what the path forward will be to support the Technical Assistance program now and through the end of the fiscal year. We are waiting to hear information about the reorganization underway. As of right now we know that the primary focus we can support are the statewide interoperability communications plans, state sponsored COMU classes and some state trainer development. We do not have a path forward for some of the technical assistance offerings. Also state Efog is in a holding pattern for foreseeable future. On another note, in March the ESF-2 training conference that was postponed is now scheduled for this month and still happening in Washington DC May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. No other comments or questions 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 June, TBD.

*Motion to adjourn was made at 2:03pm by Alex Rock. Seconded by Norm Fournier, Carried and adjourned at 2:03pm.*