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SIEC Executive Management Committee
June 28, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Voting and Alternate Members in Attendance: Jim Barclay, Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council; Curt Wood, EOPSS; Scott Wilder, UASI/Metro Boston Homeland Security Region

SIEC Members (Non-Executive Management Committee) in Attendance: Joe Griffin, Greater Boston Police Council

Others in Attendance: Kristin Potrikus, EOPSS/HLS; Michael Saltzman, EOPSS; Nicholas DaDalt, EOPSS/HLS; Adrian Santiago, EOPSS/HLS; Kristi Fritcher, Fitchburg Police Department; Harry Hess, Fitchburg Police Department; Mike Russas, MEMA; Scott Bailey, EOPSS; Anthony Fowler, Norfolk County Communications/MCSA

Meeting Materials Distributed:

- 06/28/2017 SIEC-EMC Meeting Agenda
- JAG-293: SFY-18 Fitchburg Police Department Radio Procurement for Street Level Drug Enforcement Program

1. Welcome/Introductions

Agenda will be shifted while awaiting a potential quorum. Will begin with FirstNet update.

2. State Updates

i. FirstNet

Undersecretary Wood began with a brief overview of FirstNet and what it means to public safety more broadly. Briefly discussed the draft plan that was presented to Massachusetts and the FirstNet/AT&T vendor conference in Dallas the previous month. There was a FirstNet Advisory Board meeting that occurred day prior to the SIEC meeting. Again, Massachusetts will have 90 days to opt-in or opt-out. Similarly to other states, Massachusetts is also considering releasing an RFI/RFP for a vendor to develop and build the network, but just as a measure to make sure that the Governor has all the options available to him as he considers what Massachusetts' will need in order to make the most informed decision on the opt-in versus opt-out question with FirstNet. It is a measure to make sure that we are doing our due diligence throughout this process. We should have a more details over the next couple of week and we will make sure to share them with the group. There are 45 days to review the plan and we will present the final plan in September.

Michael Saltzman presented on FirstNet proposal and procurement. Three bids were presented, two were determined not to be competitive, and one of those bids coming from AT&T. From what we know, AT&T will provide priority and preemption for first responders on all of its spectrum (not just Band 14). What is unique about AT&T is that it proposed to provide this preemption as public safety gets priority service from “Day 1” on AT&T’s existing spectrum. Where there are incidents with little to no coverage, AT&T will be able to create coverage. An example where more coverage would be needed in Massachusetts are during large events such as the Big E in Springfield, MA.

Undersecretary Wood contributed to the presentation. We are looking for feedback over the next 45 days- the biggest items we are considering is the cost, coverage, and local control.

Discussion between Undersecretary Wood and Jim Barclay regarding the conversations with Verizon and AT&T. Noted a challenge Massachusetts is having with AT&T sales force by selling to local town administrators and managers. Several conversations with Verizon indicate that they are interested in giving us preemption and priority. The biggest concern is corporate AT&T will be subject to fines from FirstNet if they don’t get subscribers. AT&T would not commit to the price of the phones.

Mike Saltzman continued FirstNet presentation. Presentation included a FirstNet overview, products and services, network, consultation and outreach, coverage, the proposed Massachusetts state plan, and a discussion on the timeline for the Governor to make a decision to opt-in or opt-out.

Comment from Scott Wilder: This is a brilliant move for AT&T, however being the only provider it makes it hard to compare products with other products.

Comment from Undersecretary Wood: There is a long way to go. There is no doubt the network will be great on a local level. AT&T consistently said everyone is getting the same rate around the country, but it does not appear to be this way. We would like to opt in/out before we sign any contract. They have said everything is included in this price (\$40/month to include hotspots, etc.), however they will not commit to the prices of the devices. They are partnering with Motorola to work on this.

Discussion with Michael Saltzman and Jim Barclay on Band14 and cities potentially needing additional bandwidth. Discussion continued with considerations for opting in or opting out. There are a number of states that have started the process- New Hampshire has opted out, along with Alabama and Arizona. Comments exchanged between Undersecretary Wood and Jim Barclay regarding how opting in or opting out effects regions locally.

Comment from Undersecretary Wood- Whether we opt in or out, locals have to participate. You have to prove you can upgrade your systems. I think most states are skeptical- even if we contracted with Verizon we would have more control over the contract.

Presentation continued by Mike Saltzman on the MA out-out RFR. Presentation included technical response and elements of responses, timeline for state plan(s) to review. Finalized presentation and opened up for SIEC discussion.

Comment from Undersecretary Wood: The state is very engaged in this decision. The Governor is asking good questions and is actively involved and understand how this will effect public safety. Over the next few weeks we will have more meetings with AT&T and will follow up with portal information. The current plan

appears to be locked down. The Governor's legal team is concerned that we will not receive a hard copy of the contract as well as being concerned about the terms and conditions.

Scott Wilder discussed working with the AT&T sales representatives, AT&T cannot sell to municipalities until opt-in, and building network(s) where they do not currently exist. Agreements will have to be made through towns. Question regarding who will have access to what, concerns about the sale representatives not fully grasping the laws/state cyber security concerns of data.

Undersecretary Wood contributed to discussion: We will meet with Chiefs/stakeholders, continue education, and solicit feedback. Bottom line is that we want to be involved in the state perspective. We will need to work more on command and control. There is a way to add comments/feedback on the website. We are having another meeting after July 4th to discuss radios. I will continue to keep the group updated.

No further questions or comments. Conclusion of FirstNet update.

3. New Business/Announcements

A. PJ-ICIP & PJ-ICIP Amendments

i. JAG-293: SFY-18 Fitchburg Police Department Radio Procurement for Street Level Drug Enforcement Program

Jim Barclay commented on ICIP regarding P25 compliance concerns. Fitchburg is the only team without encryption, however I am concerned it is not P25 compliant. Suggest we can approve this contingent on compliance. OGR will need to work with Fitchburg PD to meet P25 compliance. Will have to get a revised quote/budget amendment with OGR.

Kristi Fritcher, representing the Fitchburg Police Department, stated they can do a modification to submit to OGR.

Jim Barclay motioned to approve. Scott Wilder seconded. Approved.

4. Reports

A. Subcommittees

Committees are not present to report.

B. Regions

i. UASI/Metro Boston Homeland Security Region

Scott Wilder reported. Update on Sail Boston. Everything went extremely well.

ii. Northeast

Northeast is not present to report.

iii. Southeast

Southeast is not present to report.

iv. Central

Jim Barclay reported. No updates to report.

v. West

West is not present to report.

C. State Updates

i. SWIC

Undersecretary Wood reported. There were six candidates from the applicant pool. Two did not show up for interview, so we are looking at four candidates. Will update SIEC at next meeting on progress and/or decision.

ii. FirstNet

(Agenda shifted, began meeting with FirstNet update)

iii. NextGen 911

Undersecretary Wood reported. There are 160 sites and great progress is being made. Cambridge and Worcester are ACD in the state. Boston is scheduled for August, will be fully deployed by November.

iv. Statewide Radio Update

Undersecretary Wood reported. Submitted a plan to A&F. 68 up to 120 million procured services to enhance microwave links. Commented that the DOC also needs radio infrastructure. Discussion of price increase and subscriber units with A&F. Leveraging state funds to cover immediate issues.

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Question from Jim Barclay on page five of May minutes regarding the Data Committee/MA Broadband Institute. Undersecretary Wood stated minutes will be amended and held until the next meeting. No motion and/or approval of May minutes.

5. Adjourn. Next meeting on TBD.