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

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Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 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) Scott Wilder (UASI), Greg Lynskey (Central) Jason Breault (Western) Timothy Gover (Southeast) Matthew Barstow (MSP / RF Committee)*

**Others present:** *Corey Swift (MCSA) Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECD) Joe Griffin (GBPC-BAPERN) Gary Fleischer (Worcester FD / FD-7 Radio Comm.) Donald Denning (AT&T-FirstNet) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA) Joe Gibbs (Yarmouth Fire) Ben Podsiadlo (EOPSS OGR) Kayla Toner (EOPSS OGR)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:32pm and addressed the committee. The rollcall was held.

**1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes**

- a. May 3, 2023, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Jason Breault, second by Greg Lynskey, Motion carried.*

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

- HSGP 20-473 – Mobile Asset radio upgrades (Central)  
*Greg Lynskey spoke to the committee. These three regional assets were originally outfitted with only older single band radios. They travel throughout the region where many different bands are used. This will enable them to migrate to P25 where needed and use different bands where appropriate. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Dave Spinosa, Motion carried.*
- HSGP 21-472 – Mobile Command Post Video Downlink equip, (Western)

*Jason Breault spoke to the committee. Upgrade and install a new downlink module to their command post. They have a dated unit on the CP now but are looking to upgrade this for downlink from the airwing capabilities. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Dave Spinosa, Second by Scott Wilder. Motion carried.*

▪ **HSGP 21-474 – Essex County Fire Chief’s Assn. UHF Receivers (Northeast)**

*Dave Spinosa spoke to the committee. This is an ongoing project for FD Dist 5/15. Efforts to make more wide area coverage for the districts. Currently there is a UHF/VHF patch. This will move them forward to being able to break the patch. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Jason Breault, seconded by Matt Barstow. Motion carried.*

- c. Discussion on any other current projects that have been reviewed previously and need action or having 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 – No meeting.
- ii. RF Committee – *Matt Barstow had no report.*
- iii. Policy / Programs – No Meeting
- iv. Councils

#### **UASI-Metro Boston**

*Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Continue to work to upgrade 8TAC92 above ground subway coverage project. Boston continues their 800 Mhz buildout. Continue to build out microwave and fiber backhaul for radio. No questions from the committee.*

#### **Northeast**

*Dave Spinosa addressed the committee. No updates this month. They meet next week so he should have something for the next meeting. No questions from the committee.*

#### **Southeast**

*Tim Gover addressed the committee. No new updates. They also meet next week and may have something for next meeting.*

#### **Central**

*Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. One project was approved at their meeting yesterday that will be coming. PSAP Fire Dist interop radios. No questions from the committee.*

#### **Western**

*Jason Breault addressed the committee. Two projects were approved. A radio refresh upgrade for the FC-50 truck. Three radios for Pelham PD as part of thie Hampshire Hills project. No questions from the committee.*

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

#### **v. SWIC:**

*Richard Fiske addressed the Committee.*

- *Attended the Bi-annual NCSWIC meeting in Denver CO earlier this month. Included a day at the FirstNet Authority Labs in Boulder CO which was a good opportunity to see the good work they're doing there for FirstNet and other research.*
- *The State received two compact rapid deployable (CRD) assets from FirstNet last month. One assigned to MSP, the other to MEMA. These are FirstNet deployables that can be used / requested similar to the Verizon SPOT trailers we have. This was at no cost to the Commonwealth.*
- *Conducts scoping calls with CISA for upcoming Tech. Assistance projects coming later this year.*
- *Presented with Matt Barstow on Comms and Interop at the MSP 88 RTT last month.*
- *Working for the past few weeks with FEMA to connect with Mass agencies to provide updates and info for the FEMA Comms. Annex that they last updated in 2014.*
- *Participated in the quarterly Fire Mobilization Meeting.*
- *Participated in MEMAs ESF Team meeting for ESF-2.*
- *Attended the DTC hearing with State 911 regarding the TERT teams Grant Program to support agencies who employ and allow deployment of personnel during an activation.*
- *Conducting final Assistant / Deputy SWIC candidate interviews to narrow that field.*
- *Worked with Sandwich Fire and Barnstable County SO on a TTX mock TERT deployment and sent two team members to each PSAP for several hours and got some good takeaways to improve that program.*
- *Attending an ASHER leadership meeting with a few hundred chiefs from all over the state on Monday. Comms and Interop are always a concern during these, so training that includes this is important.*
- *Attending the Large Venue Task Force meeting next Wednesday.*
- *Attending the Homeland Security Leadership Mtg. next week.*
- *Presenting to Chiefs on Comms and Interop at DFS next week.*
- *Undersecretary Benincasa-Thorpe has announced she is leaving EOPSS to the private sector next week. No interim decisions have been made regarding her position. Thanked her for her support of the SWIC and Interop and Comms planning and work in Massachusetts.*

*No questions from the committee.*

vi. *NextGen911 / State 911 report:*

*Not Present.*

vii. *FirstNet:*

*Donald Denning addressed the committee.*

*Working with the town of Spencer to deploy a temp. tower after the fire that had a site in the church steeple. Believed all three carriers had a site there. Also working with Verizon to potentially share the temp pole. Deployed a FirstNet COW there a few*

*hours after the fire for coverage. Andy Bagdonas added that T-Mobile reported they didn't have a site there. No questions from the committee.*

viii. **Statewide Radio:**

*Matt Barstow addressed the committee. The upgrade project continues. Large focus now is on site civil work. Several in person meetings with the vendor. Working on tower remediation plans. Many fire towers have failed loading test. Dates have not moved out far. ECRV is currently in Ashby to fill a site for coverage for Ashby. Working to replace that with the tower trailer to get better coverage by next week. Discussion ensued regarding Ashby police coverage and the need for the asset there long term. No questions from the committee.*

ix. **System Owners:**

*Joe Griffin addressed the committee for BAPERN. Working on expansion into Bristol County and visited two tower locations there recently. Moving ahead on the upgrade project despite the lack of any UASI funds, found warehouse space for equipment being shipped. No questions from the committee.*

x. **Federal Partners:**

*Melissa Nazzaro addressed the committee.*

*Members should have received the SAFECOM National Survey Link emails. If any did not she can get links to them. Larger agencies that start the survey on the link and needs to go back in to add info from other sources in their agency can do so, it saves the progress. There is a difference between state agency links and local. Notable increase in ransomware attacks on government entities. Mr. Fiske added he intended to mention the SNS earlier, and that the outreach material from SAFECOM was circulated to this group and others about 10 days ago and can resend to anyone who needs it. Stressed importance of completing this. Added he was appointed to SAFECOM last month as an At Large SWIC rep. Ben Podsiadlo added his thanks for assistance with Interop coordination with a drill tomorrow and stressed the importance to stay involved early and often on the planning for these drills. Mr. Fiske added that involvement of Interop subcommittees with their regions training and ex. Committee is important to make sure that Comms and interop are included in their planning. No other questions from the committee.*

**3. Old Business – None.**

- a. SCIP Goal work
- b. Copper
- c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects.
- d. Cybersecurity

There will be no July meeting. Next meeting is in August, TBD.

**Adjourned at 2:05 pm.**