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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Wednesday, August 2, 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) Matthew Barstow (MSP / RF Committee) Cory Swift (MCSA – Policy & Programs Committee)*

Others present: *Gary Fleischer (Worcester FD / FD-7 Radio Comm.) Chris Carleton (Northboro PD, Central Alt.) Norm Fournier (State 911) Michael Salzman (EOTSS) Gary Mcarraher (FirstNet) Donald Denning (AT&T-FirstNet) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA) Kayla Toner (EOPSS OGR) Brian Nichols (EOPSS OGR) Sarah Malloy (EOPSS OGR) Sarah Cook EOPSS OGR) Seth Peters (CMRPC)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:34pm and addressed the committee. The rollcall was held.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a. June 7, 2023, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Scott Wilder, second by Jason Breault, Motion carried.*

b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

- HSGP 20-475 – CoMIRS PSAP project, phase 2 (Central)
Greg Lynskey spoke to the committee. This is part of the PSAP interop project that will provide Fire Districts 7 and 8 CoMIRS capability to leverage for interoperability between PSAPs in the district, similar the project they did for LPS access. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Jason Breault, seconded by Dave Spinosa. Motion carried.

- HSGP 21-476 – Pelham PD radios (Western)

Jason Breault spoke to the committee. This is part of the original Hampshire Hills radio project. Pelham PD plans to also migrate to CoMIRS in the future from their VHF similar to others in the region that did so previously. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Greg Lynskey, seconded by Scott Wilder. Motion carried. Matt Barstow and Jason Breault abstained.

- HSGP 21-477 – Field Comm. 40 Communications upgrades (Western)

Jason Breault spoke to the committee. This project upgrades several communications components of FC40 that are part of the other upgrades the region is making to the truck, to include a new JPS ACU, replacing old outdated equipment. Mr. Fiske noted that many of the project items in the submission do not require committee review, but he felt it was prudent to bring it forward as it includes the ACU and relates to other previously approved projects for the unit upgrades and they all connect as part of the main project work. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Dave Spinosa. 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 addressed the committee. The previously reported interference from electrical meters continues. The providers are working to replace these throughout the state. It appears that these are only a problem in Massachusetts. The occurrences have gone down as these get replaced, but one was recently discovered in Acton. As they are identified they are reported to the FCC and the provider.*
- iii. Policy / Programs – *Mr. Fiske addressed the committee. P&P did not meet this month, but will likely next month, and start strong focus on SCIP and FOG update work which will commence with stakeholder groups throughout the fall and winter.*
- iv. Councils

UASI-Metro Boston

Scott Wilder addressed the committee and had no new report.

Northeast

Dave Spinosa addressed the committee. They have been off and restarting the meetings next month and had no new report.

Southeast

Not present.

Central

Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. No specific council report but wanted to note that there will be several agencies in the south part of the region, Webster for example, that will be transitioning to P25 from analog. No questions from the committee.

Western

Jason Breault addressed the committee. No new report.

b. State/Federal/Other Agencies

v. SWIC:

Richard Fiske addressed the committee.

- *Thanked the new folks from OGR for their attendance and participation, and encouraged members and coordinators from the different regions to reach out and get to know them as they will be working closely with them moving forward. Explained the role of the SIEC and OGR and the flow of projects and how their roles relate.*
- *Deputy Secretary Susan Terrey is now overseeing the EOPSS Homeland Security Enterprise and related work. SWIC reports directly to she and the Secretary.*
- *Candidate for the new Assistant SWIC position has been selected and should be starting at the end of the month. That announcement will come once they are on board.*
- *Attended the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) 5x5 FirstNet summit in Sand Diego at the end of June.*
- *July 4th Boston event was successful with no significant hurdles. Noted that this is not the only event that week. There were 32 different requests for interoperability support and coordination in July, more than half were in the first 10 days of the month.*
- *The MA COMU TERT grant through S-911 was transitioned from a contract / program to a grant. All agencies were notified of the change and the process for application and reimbursement when TERT members are deployed.*
- *Presented on communications and interop. at ALERRT ASHER trainings in Framingham and Shrewsbury last month, and the importance that this plays during such events.*
- *Led stakeholder discussions with FEMA R-1 to update their Communications Index for Massachusetts which was last updated in 2013. That is now complete with final document release in the next week or so.*
- *PSAP COOP Planning Template that was completed is in the hands of EOPSS leadership and legal for release soon. S-911 Director Pozniak was also given a copy for his review as well prior to release. That will hopefully be available for circulation soon.*
- *SCIP and FOG updates are due this year. CISA technical assistance was approved and stakeholder input working groups will be formed and taking place for these updates in the Fall and Winter months and members of the committee were strongly encouraged to participate in them when they start.*

- *Many recent high attendance special events and incidents have seen public safety struggle on the Verizon network. Several agencies have provided feedback to the SWIC. Working strongly with them and their leadership to provide end user feedback, and have asked for feedback from them, and solutions to improve the public safety experience. Those discussions are ongoing.*
 - *FEMA has an Assistance to Firefighting Grant they release directly to agencies, not through the State or OGR like other programs. Communications and Interoperability equipment are eligible under the program, but do not come before the SWIC or this committee for review to confirm compliance with SIEC standards, best practices, or P25 standards. SWIC reached out to FEMA who confirmed they have the program and previously did funnel this through the state like the other programs but that this no longer the case. FEMA R-1 has been advised of the concern and will escalate to their leadership. All programs in this space should be held to the same standards of review. No questions from the committee.*
- vi. *NextGen911 / State 911 report:*
Norm Fournier spoke to the committee.
- *They continue to replace DLRs throughout the state and that work continues with 90 completed.*
 - *Framingham operation is moving to Milford and are on track.*
 - *They are starting to review the responses to their recent RFR for the next contract.*
 - *Onboarded a new Fiscal team member to help with grants. No questions from the committee.*
- vii. *FirstNet:*
Gary McCarraher addressed the committee.
- *Co-sponsored the PSCR 5x5 conference in San Diego and encouraged others to attend next year.*
 - *5 million connects now on network.*
 - *Seeing more deployable requests recently.*
 - *Cell booster pro program is still available for public safety building signal boosting.*
 - *They are working to assess how agencies are leveraging the network and operationalize broadband services and develop form factors for that. He is available for more information.*
 - *Interested in hearing more if there are any struggles or successes with the network.*
- Donald Denning added*
- *The upcoming public safety broadband tech vision conference is in September in Las Vegas.*
 - *Sept. 1 there will be re-alignment of the AT&T sales rep group so anyone concerned can reach out to their rep to confirm who that will be after that date.*
- Dave Spinosa wanted to thank the FirstNet folks at a recent event in the region where they had no network coverage and when they reached out, they got a fast response to their need which was appreciated. No questions from the committee.*

- viii. Statewide Radio:
Mike Salzman addressed the committee.
- *Phase 1a continues. This has 50+ sites. 1a is pushed out, but overall project on track for April 2026. The first phase is the largest but has not pushed the end target.*
 - *Working to take advantage of the Worcester / Shrewsbury system and drafting agreement for that.*
 - *Other phases are also being worked on.*
- Matt Barstow added*
- *They have significant power outage damages due to storm in New Ashford and is still on generator and thanked Berkshire COSD for the use of a backup generator. Jason Breault stated the Sheriff is always willing to help when they can. No questions from the committee.*
- ix. System Owners:
Not present.
- x. Federal Partners:
Not Present. Mr. Fiske spoke to Melissa Nazzaro from CISA ECD who only wanted to report about the T/A's previously mentioned in his report.

Old Business – None.

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

Next meeting is in August, TBD.

Adjourned at 2:13pm.