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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Wednesday, August 3, 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) Scott Wilder (UASI), Jason Breault (Western) Greg Lynskey (Central)*

Others present: *Alex Chadis (Newton Fire) Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Michael Girard (MEMA) Gary McCarragher (FirstNet Authority) Corey Swift (MCSA) Norm Fournier (Mass. State 911) Roger Marshall (Verizon Wireless) Seth Peters (Central-CMRPC) Donald Denning (AT&T FirstNet) Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECD) Benjamin Podsiadlo (OGR)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a. May 4, 2022, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Jason Breault, second by Scott Wilder. Motion carried.*

b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

- HSGP 20-456 – FRCOG DVRS units (Western)
Jason Breault spoke to the committee. This is for two portable DVRS to improve interop comms in the county and is in line with strategy goal 10. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, second by David Spinosa. Motion carried.
- HSGP 20-457 – Berkshire CO portable repeater, etc. (Western)
Jason Breault spoke to the committee. Similar to Franklin CO., this repeater will be portable and deployable where they lack coverage and can leverage an interop channel. The second item is for Field Comm. 50 truck, repeater install, and for cradle point to

update the equipment installed in 2004. No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Dave Spinosa, second by Scott Wilder. Motion carried.

- *HSGP 21-453 – Winthrop repeater replacement (UASI)
Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Scott reported at this point for this meeting UASI is withdrawing the proposal for this session. No action by the committee.*

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

2. Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Data Committee – No meeting.
- ii. RF Committee – Not present. *Mr. Fiske did not believe they had a meeting.*
- iii. Policy / Programs – *Richard Fiske addressed the committee. The committee met today for the first time since merging the Best Practice and MA COMU Planning working groups into this committee. A committee chair will be selected at the next meeting session. Discussion of the need for a full SIEC committee meeting after the first of the year with an annual, or bi-annual cadence thereafter. Discussed the following items:*
 - a. *The upcoming COM-L and COM-t and INTD training and the TERT program.*
 - b. *SWIC / SIEC Website*
 - c. *Next steps for standards to enhance interoperability in Massachusetts, other than P25 compliance, such as encryption standards, etc.*
 - d. *MTCP agency compliance strategy efforts.*
 - e. *TACK STACK upgrade needs and reviews.*
 - f. *A potential Interoperability Symposium in the Spring.*

b. Councils

- iv. UASI-Metro Boston
Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Nothing new on projects to report. Thanked everyone who worked with Brookline and others on the US Open event. Positive feedback from the US Open organizers who were very impressed with the Comms parts of the event.
- v. Northeast
David Spinosa addressed the Committee. Nothing new to report. No interop meeting in the past few months but have one coming. Still waiting on items for ongoing past projects to come in.
- vi. Southeast
Not Present.
- vii. Central
Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. Council did not meet in July or August. They have a project coming for the next meeting. Region has designated Chris Carleton,

- Northborough Communications, as the Alternate Interop. Rep. Seth Peters was also present and had nothing to add.*
- viii. *Western – Jason Breault spoke to the Committee. Franklin County final rollout to digital has been pushed back until they can study more on a paging solution and what that looks like and if there is funding available.*
- c. **State/Federal/Other Agencies**
- ix. **SWIC**
Richard Fiske addressed the Committee. P&P meetings have restarted as previously mentioned. SWIC / SIEC website is now up and running on Mass.gov. Multiple documents are available and links that are useful and accessible. Any member with comments or suggestions to improve the site are encouraged to send them along. COM-L, COM-T, and INTD will be held in the fall – OCT / NOV in Franklin at MEMA Ops. More info when they are confirmed and solicitation for attendees will take place as soon as that occurs, and members are asked to pass that along as it comes to as many as possible. Provided updates on the MA TERT program as part of MACOMU. Reported possibly changing the cadence of SIEC EMC from monthly to bi-monthly. Many regions meet after SIEC EMC or do not have a project every month so this may group more for a meeting and re-affirm a quorum. Feedback from the members regarding the meeting cadence over the coming weeks is encouraged.
- x. *NextGen911 / State 911 report – Norm Fournier spoke to the committee. Reported on the upgrade to the system imagery for mapping and that process. Adding tools for troubleshooting with things like text to 911 to assist the carriers and the system. Richard Fiske asked if there was any movement for the PSAPs ability to generate an outbound text in the future. Mr. Fournier advised that they are working on the new RFP and there are several items contained in the RFP and a desire for RTT, but they are looking at outbound texting for the future. Mr. Breault asked about any plans to enable callback ability for non-initialized phones. Discussion ensued among the members. This is a national topic for the FCC to address with the carriers that has not been addressed to date.*
- xi. *FirstNet – Gary McCarragher addressed the committee. AT&T tower buildout is going strong. There were 18 towers, only 2 east of Worcester, so mostly West. All should be up and running by March of 2023. July 4th events went well statewide. Looking at new “user deployed RAN” or small cell technology to be given to public safety. More to come as that develops. They are in the search process for a FirstNet CEO over the next few months. Donald Denning added that he was on board and encouraged the members to reach out with any public safety needs.*
- xii. *Statewide Radio – No rep. present.*
- xiii. *System Owners – None present.*

3. Federal Partners – *Melissa Nazzaro addressed the committee. Confirmed the work on the technical assistance for the COM-L, COM-T, INTD classes, and two others, PSAP COOP planning, and GETS/WPS workshops later this year into next. Over the next month info will be sent out regarding updating state markers and will reach out to the SWIC for a call. There are several meetings taking place nationwide with NASNA (National State 911 Administrators Assn.) for goals and objectives updates and workshops toward interop and 911, cybersecurity, etc.. for SWIC, 911 Administrators, and WEA reps to attend. They will be reaching out to the states in the east soon for potential meetings in September in Washington DC.*
4. **Old Business** – None.
 - a. SCIP Goal work
 - b. Copper
 - c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects
 - d. Cybersecurity
5. **Adjourned at 2:20 pm.**