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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC)
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)
50 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757
Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 1:30pm

MINUTES

1. **Welcome/Remarks/Rollcall attendance**

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

Others present: *Mike Saltzman (EOTSS CoMIRS), Jacob Pyra (State 911), John Surette (Boston Police), Bruce Fitzgerald (FirstNet)*

Mr. Rock chaired the meeting on behalf of Secretary Kwon and called the meeting to order at 1:31pm. Roll call was held.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes/Notes**
   a. April 1, 2026, Minutes. Motion to approve by Greg Lynskey, seconded by Gerry Reardon. Motion carried.

3. **New Business/Announcements**
   a. **PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICPS Amendments:**
   - HSGP24-527 Cambridge Public Safety Radios- UASI. Gerry Reardon addressed the committee. *These radios will be used for interoperable communications among the specialty teams at Cambridge Police and Fire. Specifically, EOD, Motorcycle Unit and some Hazmat that work closely with the PD. The radios are multi-band and should meet all requirements of the SIEC.* Motion to approve by Chris Ryan, seconded by Dennis Nazzaro. Motion carried.

4. Discussion on any newly submitted projects that require distribution and review prior to action that were not anticipated or included here- **N/A**

5. **Reports**

a. Standing Committees

I. **Data Committee- N/A**

II. **RF Committee-** Alex Rock addressed the committee on behalf of Mr. Barstow. *The RF committee is looking for a replacement chair. Mr. Barstow has graciously offered to remain as chair until a replacement can be found. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Rich or me.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

III. **Policy / Programs-** Alex Rock addressed the committee. *The Policy and Programs Subcommittee has been working on a draft Two-Way Radio Minimum Featureset Guidance document. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet soon to review the guidance and provide input as this document develops.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

b. Councils

I. **UASI-Metro Boston –** Gerry Reardon addressed the committee. *We presently do not have anything major to report. We are still waiting on the FY25-26 funding to be accepted.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

II. **Northeast-** Christopher Ryan addressed the committee. *Our NEMLEC comms van has been placed into service.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

III. **Southeast-** N/A

IV. **Central-** Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. *Nothing to report at this time.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

V. **Western-** Dennis Nazzaro addressed the committee. *Nothing new to report at this time.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

i. **SWIC**: Alex Rock addressed the committee. *No SWIC report for this month. Rich is away at the APCO 26 conference in Texas presently.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

ii. **State 911 Report**: Jacob Pyra addressed the committee. *Nothing to report at this time.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

iii. **FirstNet**: Bruce Fitzgerald addressed the committee. *FirstNet is continuing to make progress on the investment plans. Secretary Lutnick from the department of commerce has worked with AT&T to do some renegotiation Of the contract resulting in an additional $2 billion That will be allocated to coverage improvement nationwide. This comes in addition to the $8 billion in funding announced last year Going towards 5G and coverage enhancements. To that end a number of coverage workshops are scheduled around the country our coverage workshop in Massachusetts is scheduled for September 21st. Rich Fisk has sent the invite out for this coverage workshop last week. This workshop will be looking at progress made since last year's coverage workshop and areas that have been identified from both FirstNet and workshop submissions. Massachusetts leads the nation on submissions totaling between 56 and 58 coverage surveys to date. In other updates there are over 16,000 cell booster pro devices deployed across the county to date. These are the devices that enhance first net coverage inside buildings. FirstNet fusion our new push to talk platform has officially launched. This push to talk platform is a vast improvement over previous push to talk services that have been out for the last couple years. The last bit of news is AT&T has launched the first 5G stand-alone core. First net traffic continues to be routed through a separate core away from*

commercial users but that core has now been upgraded to a full 5G system. No other comments or questions from the committee.

iv. **Statewide Radio**: Mike Saltzman addressed the committee. *Statewide radio continues to march along. We were initially hoping to be done in 2026, but with over 90 sites and some of the complexities of site leasing and obtaining the sites and some complications that we have experienced at the sites, we are projecting finishing in 2028. No firm plans on transitioning users in place as of yet. Anyone who currently has a radio on the system that is digital has been notified, and either their upgrades have been paid for by the RUP program, or they were told about the entitlements needed to cut over to the new P25 phase 2 system. If the agency needed to fund the upgrades themselves, they were able to take part in the aggressive pricing provided by the program to purchase those entitlements. More information to come as we begin to move closer towards transition.* No other comments or questions from the committee.

v. **System Owners**:

VI. **BAPERN-** N/A
WMLEC- N/A

vi. **Federal Partners*:*** N/A

6. **Unfinished Business**:

Next meeting in September, TBD.

Motion to adjourn was made at 1:46pm by Christopher Ryan, seconded by Alex Rock. Carried and adjourned at 1:47pm.