



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
One Ashburton Place, Room 2133
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Tel: (617) 727-7775
TTY Tel: (617) 727-6618
Fax: (617) 727-4764
www.mass.gov/eopss

CHARLES D. BAKER
Governor

TERRENCE REIDY
Secretary

KARYN E. POLITO
Lt. Governor

SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

Teams link option: https://teams.microsoft.com/dl/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F%23%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%3Ameeting_OWQ4NmI5MjktNDVkNC00NjhjLWl5OGQtMTI3ODk5YTY3ZjQ4%40thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%25223e861d16-48b7-4a0e-9806-8c04d81b7b2a%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%2522ae80c256-aaaf-47b8-9bbb-f9b1505032b6%2522%257d%26CT%3D1624466168739%26OR%3DOutlook-Body%26CID%3D81672C73-BE92-4D08-BDAD-6CE039A9CE6F%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meetup-join&deeplinkId=d18d9e4d-73fb-4845-be36-a9c16b5883b0&directDl=true&msLaunch=true&enableMobilePage=true&suppressPrompt=true

Teams call-in option: 857-327-9245

Conference ID: 770301676#

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 1:30pm - 3:30pm

MINUTES

Voting SIEC EMC members present: *Richard Fiske (SWIC-EOPSS), Dave Spinosa (Essex County Sherriff's, Northeast Region-Alt.), Jason Breault (Berkshire County Sherriff, Western Region-Alt.), John Ruggiero (MSP, Alt.), Paul Normandin (Southbridge Fire, Central Region-Alt.), Timothy Gover (Southeast Region), Scott Wilder (UASI)*

Others present: *Chris Tuttle (CISA ECD), Corey Swift (MCSA), Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Joe Griffin (GBPC), Mike Saltzman (EOTSS), Robert Verdone (Southeast Alternate.)*

Meeting called to order at 1:36pm.

Richard Fiske (SWIC) called the meeting to order, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

- a. July 7, 2021 EMC Meeting minutes: *Motion to accept by Scott Wilder, Second by Dave Spinosa,, Motion Carried.*

2. New Business/Announcements

Richard Fiske confirmed the members had the materials that were circulated prior to the meeting and that everyone had time to review them.

a. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

i. HSGP 19&20-432 Winthrop Harbormaster – ICIP & Quote (UASI)

Scott Wilder addressed the committee on behalf of UASI. Winthrop PD looking to add 3 all band radios to their maritime unit. No additional comments or concerns with the submitted request from the Committee. *Motion to approve by David Spinosa, seconded by Timothy Gover. Motion carried.*

ii. HSGP 20-426 Franklin County CMED – ICIP & Quote (Western)

Jason Breault addressed the committee on behalf of the Western Region. The region was looking to purchase and install two repeaters for MED 2 and MED 8 radios in the region which was fully supported by their council. Timothy Gover asked if the requested units were “TRBO” radios. John Ruggiero responded that the requested radios were Motorola’s commercial product, were DMR and analog capable, added that P25 was not a requirement for infrastructure as it is for subscribers, and CMED is an all-analog system. No further comments or concerns from the Committee. *Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Timothy Gover. Motion carried.*

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee for the following CSTF submissions as follows.

iii. CSTF21-427 Upton PD – ICIP & Quote

The request is for one (1) all band portable. The ICIP references interoperability with State Police. It should be confirmed that the applicant is aware of the process to add the radio to the CoMIRS system. Added that the quote indicates only ADP encryption, which is not P25 compliant. Suggested to the Committee that the application be returned to amend the request to reflect P25 compliance with a clear radio, or with compliant encryption. John Ruggiero added that they should be advised that if there is an intent to add it to CoMIRS that it is missing several feature sets in the quote. Richard Fiske added that he will provide the published Public Safety Encryption document, the CoMIRS feature set guidance document, and a copy of the MTCP just for reference to the applicant. If the applicant makes the appropriate changes and re-submits, he will review approve and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. No further comments or concerns from the Committee. *Motion to return to amend as noted by the SWIC by Scott Wilder, second by David Spinosa. Motion carried.*

iv. CSTF21-428 Warren FD – ICIP & Quote

The request is for five (5) APX1000 single band portables. No concerns with the ICIP were noted, however the supporting quote from the vendor does not indicate if the radio has the standard encryption option, and if so if it is P25 compliant, or none as a clear radio. Suggested that the application be returned to amend the quote specifying the encryption status, and if the applicant resubmits addressing this, that he will review and approve and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. No further comments or concerns from the Committee. *Motion to return and amend as noted by the SWIC by David Spinosa, second by Jason Breault, Motion carried.*

v. CSTF21-429 Southborough PD – ICIP & Quote

The request is for 2 APX mobiles, and 3 APX portables. Concerns with the ICIP review included multiple references to the units as “all band” or “multi band” units. The specified units in the ICIP and the supporting quote are single band units. It also refers to interoperability with other users in different bands as a result, which this unit will not accomplish. The quote only includes 2 portables and no mobiles. The quoted units as submitted do not accomplish the desired outcome of the ICIP. Suggested that the application be returned to amend both the ICIP and the supporting quote, and if resubmitted he will review for compliance, review or return, and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. No further comments or concerns from the Committee. *Motion to amend as noted by the SWIC by Scott Wilder, second by David Spinosa. Motion carried.*

vi. CSTF21-430 Pepperell FD – ICIP & Quote

The request is for two (2) APX XE UHF single band portables. The ICIP and supporting quote were reviewed and no concerns were noted. No additional comments or concerns with the submitted request by the Committee. *Motion to approve by Timothy Gover, second by Jason Breault. Motion carried.*

vii. CSTF21-431 Brockton PD ICIP & Quote

Request is for four (4) UHF single band portables. The ICIP indicates accomplished interoperability with State Police, which will not be accomplished with the quoted units, and references the use of encryption, but the quoted units do not indicate what encryption standard if any they feature, P25 compliant or otherwise. Suggested that the application be returned to amend to update the ICIP and the quote regarding accomplished interoperability and compliant encryption features, and if resubmitted, he will review for compliance and approve, and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. *Motion to return to amend as noted by the SWIC by Scott Wilder, second by David Spinosa. Motion carried.*

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

3. Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Data Committee – No meeting.
- ii. RF Committee – No meeting.
- iii. Policies/Programs Committee – Richard Fiske advised that P&P membership was confirmed and updated recently and resuming meetings will be scheduled recurring on a date agreed upon by the members in coming weeks.

b. Councils

- iv. UASI-Metro Boston
Scott Wilder addressed the Committee. Ongoing work on Boston Marathon planning, and already started planning for the US Open coming to Brookline this summer.
- v. Northeast
David Spinosa addressed the Committee. Feasibility study for a tower on Pow-wow hill in progress and meeting next week. Regions received a cache of all band radios for county fire chiefs for use in the county. Adding more resources to the Middleton site and shelter and meeting next week on that.
- vi. Southeast
Tim Gover addressed the Committee. They are waiting on the equipment to arrive for the new Copicut tower.
- vii. Central
Paul Normandin addressed the Committee. Regions next meeting is 9/7/21. Confirmed that the LPS PSAP radio project is in progress, and we may see more on that next meeting.
- viii. Western
Jason Breault addressed the Committee. No updates from their region. Berkshire County is preparing for the Billings run-a- ground. MEMA assisting with their MEOC.

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

ix. SWIC

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee. Reported that concerns regarding the use of the federal Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant awards to buy radios was brought forward by James Barclay from Central. Asked if the SWIC or SIEC would be engaged on these applications prior to being approved for radio equipment. Richard reached out to the regional FEMA rep for this and was advised this week that only subscribers were eligible for purchase, not infrastructure, and that the requests were reviewed for P25 compliance only, and not forwarded to the states for further review. This will be passed along to OGR by the SWIC. The SWIC will also attempt to identify agencies for outreach as they come and provide necessary guidance regarding published statewide standards for public safety radio.

MTCP revision was addressed. Update and finalizing the new version from the REV 2 version to come in line with the MIFOG updates is a priority goal and in progress.

x. FirstNet - Not present.

xi. NextGen911- Not present.

xii. Statewide Radio – Michael Saltzman addressed the committee. The presumptive vendor has been selected for the system upgrade and negotiations with them regarding the contract specifics have been ongoing and continue.

xiii. System Owners – Joe Griffin addressed the Committee for BAPER. Over 18 months, converted 31 sites from Verizon copper lines to Comcast. Mentioned that the continued ring buildout will be costly, including upgrading equipment from the 1990s which is in area of two-million dollars. System owners should keep system upgrade funding on their radar. Scott Wilder asked if they could use some equipment being decommissioned that he may have access to, and the two agreed to connect.

xiv. Federal Partners – Chris Tuttle from CISA addressed the Committee. He thanked the SWIC and MEMA for their support during hurricane Henri. Currently involved in hurricane Ida. Landline 911 in the areas impacted is currently a concern, mostly a power issue. 2022 Technical Assistance requests are open, and he will work with the SWIC on any needs moving forward.

4. Old Business

a. SCIP Goal work

b. Copper - Richard Fiske addressed the Committee. There was considerable discussion among the Committee. It was agreed that more outreach to agencies still using copper to support infrastructure is prudent, and one of the working groups can try to address this from an educational guidance standpoint for agencies.

c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects

d. T-Band – It was agreed that given the repeal of the legislation on the issue that this would be removed from future agendas and could be put back again if necessary if something changes.

e. Cybersecurity

5. Adjourned at 2:16pm; Next Meeting: TBD