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SIEC Executive Management Committee
September 13, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Voting and Alternate Members in Attendance: Jim Barclay, Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council; Tim Gover, Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council; Sean Hughes, EOPSS-CJIS; Melissa Nazzaro, Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council; Dave Spinosa, Northeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council; Blair Sutherland, Massachusetts State Police; Scott Wilder, Metro Boston Homeland Security Region, UASI; Curtis Wood, EOPSS

SIEC Members (Non-Executive Management Committee) in Attendance: Joe Griffin, Greater Boston Police Council; Michael Saltzman, EOPSS; Jon Ruda, MEMA

Others in Attendance: Kristin Potrikus, EOPSS/HLS, Adrian Santiago, EOPSS/HLS; Rob Cruikshank, EOPSS; Sarah Plowman, Boston OEM

Meeting Materials Distributed:

- 09/13/2017 SIEC-EMC Meeting Agenda
- HSGP015-294: FFY 15 PJ 4.7 Boston Harbor Repeater (UASI)

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Acceptance of Minutes (Notes)

Scott Wilder motioned to approve the 5/10/2017 amended meeting minutes; Blair Sutherland seconded. The 5/10/2017 SIEC-EMC amended meeting minutes were approved.

Jim Barclay motioned to approve the 6/28/2017 meeting minutes; Scott Wilder seconded. The 6/28/2017 SIEC-EMC meeting minutes were approved.

3. New Business/Announcements

A. PJ-ICIP & PJ-ICIP Amendments

i. HSGP015-294: FFY 15 PJ 4.7 Boston Harbor Repeater (UASI)

Sarah Plowman, Boston OEM presented. Scott Wilder reported that the purchase would provide radios around the UASI region and installation of radios. Reported region is attempting to reach out to Coast Guard in the instance of an event.

Question by Jim Barclay: Is this on the tower?

Answer from Sarah Plowman: Yes.

Motion from Jim Barclay to approve. Seconded by Dave Spinosa. Approved.

4. **Reports**

A. Subcommittees

i. Data Subcommittee

Undersecretary Wood reported. MBI is in negotiations with network operator. U/S Wood will let SIEC know which operator at next meeting.

Article 87 filed. There will be a reorganization as of August 1, 2017- EOTSS, Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS), is established. EOTSS will be an independent organization, EOPSS will be working closely with them. Purpose is to have one network and infrastructure in the state. The objective is to move everything to the cloud for the Commonwealth. There will be one active directory, domains, mail, virus security, and network operations center. There will be a new helpdesk center and the plan is to standardize equipment. The plan is that EOTSS will save money and help us be more efficient. EOTSS is a Governor's initiative, MassIT will be phased out. U/S Wood will overlook operations to ensure the impact is minimized. Small workforce to maintain, the Governor is funding EOTSS as a top priority.

Comment by Jim Barclay regarding how this will affect the local level/CIGIS/Ransomware.

Response by Undersecretary Wood: The philosophy is to protect the core. State IT is adopting the security perspective and approach.

Question by Melissa Nazzaro: How do Next Gen systems fit?

Response by Undersecretary Wood: It won't. They recognize it is a separate environment. We have not had a conversation about it. The biggest impact will be local desktop support. I will keep the SIEC updated.

ii. RF Subcommittee Report

Blair Sutherland reported that he has sent a note out and has a number of individuals from the SIEC to participate in working group. This working group will look at reporting mechanisms with the FCC; the purpose of the working group is to look at the existing process and look at what systems are in place. The historical aspect of beginning the working group was described, which will focus on interoperable equipment and interference problems, as well as providing simple guidance and resources for smaller agencies. Sutherland reported he will finalize a date to get everyone together.

Question by Undersecretary Wood: What is your timeframe?

Response by Blair Sutherland: Early October. The hope is to have a recommendation by the November meeting on how we can assist agencies to contact the FCC with interference issues.

Comment from Undersecretary Wood: Please send committee volunteer names to us.

Question by Jim Barclay: Have you talked to the FCC?

Response by Blair Sutherland: Yes. I hope to have comments back to the group in November meeting.

SIEC discussion regarding who should be part of this conversation and how agencies can be approved. If any regions have contacts that are interested, please send these names to Blair Sutherland.

Question by Jim Barclay: Who owns the special conditions? Perhaps we should revisit.

Comment from Undersecretary Wood: This should be Policy and Procedure Subcommittee.

iii. P/P Subcommittee Report

No report.

B. Regions

i. UASI/Metro Boston Homeland Security Region

Scott Wilder reported. Reported OEM has a new charter to allow for more organization and structure. Communication and support trailer was brought to the Cape for Operation Score. Noted that the trailer is not just a UASI asset, anyone can use it.

ii. Northeast

Dave Spinosa reported. Working on finishing the Lowell BAPERN project. Northeast is working with the city of Lowell to get the project done.

iii. Southeast

Tim Gover reported. Southeast BAPERN project continues.

iv. Central

Jim Barclay reported. There is an issue with the milestone tower. SIEC discussion regarding intermodulation study. Question from May SIEC meeting if Sutton truck still needs an ICIP. EOPSS will check with leadership if an ICIP is still needed for truck. Reported that the Fitchburg Police Department has purchased the radios that were approved in the last SIEC meeting and they are now in P25 compliance.

v. West

Melissa Nazzaro reported. Reported there is not too much movement in Franklin County. Regionally funded projects continue- WMLEC project ongoing. The FFY15 radios have been purchased. The agencies are working towards goal of effective communication.

C. State Updates

i. SWIC

Undersecretary Wood reported. Melissa Nazzaro has been offered and accepted the SWIC position. She will begin on Monday, October 2. Steve Staffier will be training Melissa Nazzaro once she begins.

Melissa Nazzaro thanks the SIEC-EMC for their assistance and support and discusses the incoming SWIC role.

ii. FirstNet

Undersecretary Wood reported. The final state plan will be out on September 19th. This has been an ongoing discussion with AT&T. We have met several times regarding prices- AT&T is committing to 5% cheaper than Verizon and to commit to every first responder. They are trying to get AT&T to opt in before the deadline.

Question by Scott Wilder regarding the two year contract with Verizon. Will AT&T buy out the contract?

Undersecretary Wood responded: We have not talked about this yet. If they do not get base, there will be a major fine by FirstNet. They will do what they can to get people to opt in. Not sure if the Governor will opt in yet. AT&T writes it will remain competitive.

Undersecretary Wood and Melissa Nazzaro discussed the costs, net credit and what was within the AT&T letter. U/S Wood is meeting with the Governor next week. The bids are due Friday. There was a total of 4 bids (one was not qualified) submitted. U/S Wood hopes for a decision from the Governor by the 19th.

iii. NextGen 911

Undersecretary Wood reported. Reported that great progress is being made. 180 sites have switched. Essex is on and the software is being worked out. Springfield is currently being worked out. Boston has to be pushed back by a few weeks.

Blair Sutherland commented that the MSP General Headquarters is due to go out to Maynard, Boston is pushed to the 27th.

iv. Statewide Radio Update

Undersecretary Wood reported. Sidedeck is ready to go. We are trying to get this on the Governor's calendar. The intent is to leverage all funding to support, but this will not take away from existing programs. Within the statute and intent this fits into the framework. The public safety radios are critical and will need to establish a grand approach. The objective would be to leverage success of the NextGen911. Discussion about costs of units and strategy to proposal is with the Governor.

Question by Melissa Nazzaro: Who will be in charge?

Response from Undersecretary Wood: EOPSS and my office will be. We all have to deal with radio deficiency. U/S Wood discussed the current 911 funds and how we can fund short and long term radio initiative. Hoping the next few weeks we can get this going.

xiv. Systems Owners

Joe Griffin reported. Have not taken over the NERAC tower, currently figuring out the costs. Given a “not to exceed” figure. SIEC-EMC discussion of the challenges with this.

Joe Griffin reported that there are drops and faults in the Southeast. There is a significant amount of diagnostic work that needs to be done.

Jon Ruda reported on behalf of MEMA. The RFI for system in the bunker has been posted, once we get cost we will look to move forward, Undersecretary Wood asked to be updated on this matter.

Blair Sutherland reported that Band14 is rolling along and in good shape. Functionally everything tuned up and will be done mid-October.

SIEC question about BAPERN team and which towns. Discussion will be held after the meeting.

Melissa Nazzaro reported that there is a large event upcoming in the Western Region; 160 mile bike ride from Springfield to Boston. The communication efforts were discussed and there is big support from the local community. The Big E will begin on Friday and end on October 1.

Rob G. will be a coordinator on the Commonwealth Statewide Radio Update. Ron will help maximize resources and will be working with state agencies. Internal EOPSS radio group will be developed to bring more structure and formalization for radio purchases.

Question by David Spinosa: Will this be an outlet for issues with vendors?

Response from Undersecretary Wood: Yes, absolutely. Melissa Nazzaro will be part of this as the SWIC. There will be a formal e-mail address for this group. U/S Wood will make sure all funding streams are involved to build collaboration and leverage the infrastructure.

5. Adjourn. Next meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at 1 PM.