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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC) Meeting

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Wednesday, September 7, 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), Robert Gariepy (Western) Greg Lynskey (Central)*

Others present: *Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), John Ruggiero (State Police) Joe Griffin (BAPER), Michael Salzman (EOTSS) Gary McCarragher (FirstNet Authority) Corey Swift (MCSA) Norm Fournier (Mass. State 911) Donald Denning, (AT&T/FirstNet) Seth Peters (Central-CMRPC) Tina Dixon (Worcester CMED), Lee Lemoine (Modular Communications), Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECD) Benjamin Podsiadlo (OGR) Paul Normandin (Southbridge FD, Fire Dist. 7, Central)*

Richard Fiske chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm, addressed the committee, and held the rollcall.

1. Acceptance of Minutes/Notes

a. August 3, 2022, Minutes. *Motion to accept by Motion carried.*

b. PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICIP Amendments:

- HSGP 20-454 – Somerville PD radios (UASI)
Scott Wilder addressed the committee. This project is for 23 dual band portables for Somerville Police to further enhance their interoperability with other agencies. No questions from the committee members. Motions to approve by Dave Spinosa, Second by Greg Lynskey. Motion carried.
- HSGP 21-458 – Revere FD radio console and consolettes (UASI)
Scott Wilder addressed the committee. This is part of the secondary / backup EOC project the community has been working on. The equipment will support communications

in that backup center. Mr. Fiske commented that he observed that for the 800 MHz radio, “link layer P25 authentication” was missing from the equipment quoted firmware and it is necessary in order to operate on the updated CoMIRS system. Mr. Fiske asked if the committee would vote to authorize him to advise the applicant of the omission, and if they re-submitted the updated equipment quote, he would review it for final compliance and approve on behalf of the committee, so they did not need to bring this before another meeting. No other questions from the committee. So moved by Dave Spinosa, Second by Greg Lynskey. Motion carried.

▪ HSGP 21-459 – Worcester CMED consoles (Central)

Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. This project is to replace CMEDs end of life consoles with “Intertalk” consoles for their communications center in the region. It was reviewed and approved by the council and the interop subcommittee. Tina Dixon added that CEMD is paying for other costs for the upgrade (furniture, etc.) No questions from the committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, Second by Dave Spinosa. Motion carried.

- 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 – *John Ruggiero from MSP advised no report.*
- iii. Policy / Programs – No meeting.

b. Councils

- iv. UASI-Metro Boston
Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Nothing new on projects to report. The fall is approaching, and their meetings will be resuming. No questions from the committee.
- v. Northeast
David Spinosa addressed the Committee. Nothing new to report. They did not meet last month.
- vi. Southeast
Not Present.
- vii. Central
Greg Lynskey addressed the committee. Met yesterday, but nothing of note to report.
- viii. Western – *Robert Gariepy addressed the committee. Nothing new to report. They did not meet last month, but are meeting next week.*

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

ix. SWIC

Richard Fiske addressed the Committee. COM-L, COM-T, and INTD courses through CISA have been scheduled in October / November. Applications are being accepted and the courses are filling.

MA TERT Team is coming along. Now more than 30 credentialed TERT members. This is the first time Massachusetts has had a credentialed TERT team. Efforts by MASS NENA, EOPSS, and State 911 continue with plans for an operational team by this December.

MTCP programming compliance continues to be a challenge. Several recent large events involving several agencies revealed at least one or more agency that was not compliant. Continued outreach to agency stakeholders will continue at an increased rate using as many outlets as possible regarding this important programming.

SWIC and State 911 Exec. Director will be in Washington DC next week for NASNA Interoperability workshops targeting better PSAP Interop leveraging plans and technology.

Greg Lynskey commented regarding the INTD course that there was some confusion by some interested that this was for dispatchers responding only with tactical teams, which was not the case. Suggested more clear language in the course material so that was understood. SWIC will take that back for future course announcements.

x. NextGen911 / State 911 report – *Norm Fournier spoke to the committee. TERT log in accounts are being created by Comtech. Moving forward well. No questions from the committee.*

xi. FirstNet – *Gary McCarragher addressed the committee. AT&T continues to build out towers in Western MA. They are searching for a FirstNet CEO presently. Over 3.7 million connections nationally. Mentioned a use case example in RI where the network worked well and as the program develops further the positive impact on public safety. Encouraged attendees to reach out with any questions or concerns directly. Don Denning also addressed the committee. Mentioned support that was provided at the LIV Golf event in Bolton recently. Encouraged agencies to reach out to the group with any needs for support in the future and their willingness to assist when possible. No questions from the committee.*

xii. Statewide Radio – *Mike Salzman addressed the committee. Confirmed the upgrade project was still on schedule for 2026 completion. Phase 1a is behind as was expected but the timeline for the project has not been impacted. Leasing tower sites continues and some are more challenging than others but the team is moving through them. No questions from the committee.*

xiii. System Owners – *Joe Griffin addressed the committee for BAPER. Deep in process to replace the old simulcast equipment. Their quotes are coming in higher than expected so working to reduce that and identify additional funding sources. No questions from the committee.*

3. **Federal Partners** – *Melissa Nazzaro addressed the committee. She asked the SWIC if we would be opening any of the T/A courses to other states in the region. Mr. Fiske advised it was possible if the courses did not fill but they are filling at a rate where they are expected to reach the cap. Will reach out if not prior to the cutoff date. Updated on the PSAP COOP planning T/A asking if the point of contact had reached out. SWIC confirmed they had not yet. She added that she was able to review the drafts of the program and was impressed with the content for the program. State Interoperability markers were discussed. CISA met with the SWIC two weeks ago on the bi-annual update and many had improved. Expect a turn around report from them in the weeks ahead as they finish all the other states. Added that if any members have suggestions regarding cybersecurity, assessments, etc. to reach out as they are evaluating what their return of investment is and will be in these. SWIC added that a report was provided to the Undersecretary by him regarding return of investment for Homeland Security Council and State funding of interoperability assets etc. in the state so that these can continue to be funded, and additional funding can be identified to sustain, upgrade, or replace some of these aging investments.*
4. **Old Business** – None.
 - a. SCIP Goal work
 - b. Copper
 - c. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects
 - d. Cybersecurity
5. **Adjourned at 2:07 pm.**