



State Interoperability Executive Committee Minutes

February 16, 2017

1:30 – 3:30 pm
1500 Jefferson Bldg.

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions

Attendees:

Rob St. John (Chair / OCIO)	Robert “Bob” Schwent – for Batiste (WSP)	John Nisbet (WSDOT)
Bob Johnson (DNR)	Robert “Bob” Ezelle (MIL)	Chuck Duffy (WASFM/WSP)
Chief Jim Sharp (Fire Chiefs)	Randell Harris (NWTEMC)	Jose Zuniga (WADOC)
Patti L. Kelly (Member-at-Large)	Keith Flewelling (WA State APCO-NENA)	Chief Al Compaan (WASPC)
Marc Lamoreaux (WSP)		

Staff:

Shelley Westall, Michael Marusich, and Minette Knotts.

Others via teleconference:

Marina Zuetell	Ron Wright	Matt Robbins
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Call to Order:

St. John: Provided an overview of proposed agenda for the meeting. St. John advised of an update to the agenda with a proposal from Bob Schwent regarding sharing SWIC duties. December meeting minutes were approved with minimal revisions added which had no material effect on the topics.

2. News and Information Roundtable:

Flewelling: APCO-NENA is busy watching legislative bills in session. Brief description was given of what bills they are keeping watch on and the potential effects they may have.

Kelly: Transitioning to the new repeaters is going well. Service and coverage improvements are notable.

Zuniga: Business as usual, watching a few bills that may affect them.

Ezelle: Also watching bills that may affect the Military/EMD. Continued after action for Cascadia Rising included briefing the Governor on January 5th, 2017. Communications was the big issue that came out of the exercise and a key focus area of the Governor.

Johnson: Currently tracking 25 bills covering a broad spectrum of ideas, including those that bring about better service to our communities – specifically with regard to wildfires. Identified the public safety frequency guide is contained in member packets. Deferred to Anton Damm regarding the guide’s contents. Anton identified the list of interoperable frequencies used within different regions across the state and asked members for help in getting the word out prior to the start of fire season.

Nisbet: Also tracking bills that could affect them. Commended the group working on the Shared Radio Resources initiative (OCIO, WADOC, WSP and WSDOT).

Compaan: Public Safety Answering Point (911 Center) making progress – still in the process of consolidation and garnering acceptance, but progressing well towards their target schedule and goals.

Duffy: Watching fire related bills.

Schwent: Finalized Capitol Campus improvements for improving service among agencies and expanding interoperability. Also sustaining infrastructure improvements to address known coverage issues.

3. 2017 SIEC Reset:

St. John: Met with Senator Mark Miloscia - focusing on results and ensuring efforts/results are measurable. Talked about what we want to accomplish in the near and long term, and to be intentional in our work this year (2017). Stated that we need to use SIEC meeting times to our full advantage. Need to identify any gaps, support organizations, and emphasize making this a valuable experience for members and organizations they represent. Open discussion followed.

Duffy: The intent of the SIEC is stated by the RCW, and this reset helps the SIEC live up to the expectations set forth in it. He finds valuable to learn what the stakeholders are up too – network/communication pieces. We often overlap each other, so it is important to understand agendas. We need to represent our organizations as well as collaborate.

Flewelling: Some part of the SIEC membership legislation, as well as codifying “standards” in the SIEC’s formulating language, affects the community.

Compaan: Stay involved in FirstNet/OneNet to continue outreach and education among the stakeholders in the public safety community.

Sharp: Role of SIEC objectives in representing fire departments across the state (managed at a local level). Because things are done at a local level, we have a limited scope of control – part of dialog needs to be how we help facilitate better interoperability if we do not have control or ability.

Appointment of Deputy SWIC

Schwent: Every state must have a point of contact for interoperability. To build interoperability efforts, the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) has to be updated and reported on, which is the duty of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). Schwent requested that Michael Marusich be formally assigned and recognized as the Deputy SWIC. This motion was approved.

4. SIEC Legislative:

St. John: Request legislation this year – expand membership in SIEC. Update on where the bill has moved, which is currently out of House and moved into Senate.

Flewelling: Mentioned the issue of integrating social media was presented by a legislator, which is viewed as a potential issue.

5. Resiliency Subcabinet Update:

Glenn: WA Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group's (WECCWG's) third meeting to be held in Spokane - venue TBD, the group is becoming more engaged. The Tactical Interoperable Communications – Field Operations Guide (TIC-FOG) coordinator (Benavente) is actively engaging regional homeland security coordinators as they prepare individual tactical communications guides for their respective regions. Request was made that TIC documents have a revision date.

6. SIEC Advisory Workgroup (SAW) Update:

House Bill 1948

Marusich: House Bill 1948 proposes to change the requirements for public meetings. Following analysis of the bill by staff and the AAG, it is determined that the SAW meetings are still exempt from the Open Public Meetings Act due to the sensitivity and security of the subjects discussed.

SAW Interoperability Assistance Initiative

Westall: OneNet has received a number of requests from public safety stakeholders (Skagit County, Lummi Tribe) for assistance with resolving problems with interoperable communications. The SAW has agreed to advise agencies whenever possible about possible solutions.

Marusich: After discussion the draft language was amended to reflect the level of responsibility assumed by the SAW.

Sharp: SAW would do a portion of the advisory work, and individual agencies – acting outside of the SAW, is recognized as an affiliation of SAW. An agency or entity can maintain a relationship but the SAW's relationship with that entity would be terminated when its initial consultation was complete.

FCC Filing for Railroad Police use of 700 MHz Interop spectrum

Marusich: 700MHz frequency administration plan review and update is being done by the Region 43 (WA) Regional Planning Committee (RPC). Tim McDowell will address – plan was approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Already addressed and redefined.

Schwent: To clarify, this brings the process in line with how we do things for the state-licensed spectrum governed by the FCC under the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the most part (federal spectrum). Use of federal spectrum by nonfederal agencies is sent to the SWIC for review and approval.

WSP Engineering Study

Schwent: Provided an update on the budget package request for money for an engineering study and to address additional radio system/coverage requirements of the agency. The narrowband project was not performed to enhance radio systems, but in response to an FCC mandate. The Governor's budget request included \$400,000 to address coverage issues identified during the narrowbanding project. Separate funding to address work identified in the agency's technology and radio system roadmap (funded or not) was not included in the Governor's budget.

7. Washington OneNet (WON) Status:

Westall: FirstNet Government Affairs staff visited WON and discussed the best case scenario for award of the FirstNet RFP as a result of the protest to the bid process. The best case scenario for contract award April 1, 2017. Westall proposed the idea of a regional RFI with Idaho and Oregon. A regional RFI could include objectives identified in Washington's State Plan Expectations document. Development of the RFI and review of any responses would be done by staff in Idaho and Oregon. Members indicated they would like to stay the course and not participate in a regional RFI at this time.

8. Good of the Order:

No new matters were presented. Meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.