



# State Interoperability Executive Committee Minutes

## December 19, 2019

1:30 – 3:30 pm

1500 Jefferson St. SE | Olympia, WA 98504  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Presentation Room

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### Attendees:

Adam Eitmann (Chair / WaTech)	Spencer Bahner (Member-at-large)	Crystal Hottowe (ATNI)
Anton Damm for Turley (DNR)	Captain Phil Johnson (WDFW)	Scott Loerts (LNI)
Al Compaan (WASPC)	John Nisbet (WSDOT)	Keith Flewelling (APCO-NENA)
Charles LeBlanc (WSP/FPB)	Tom Wallace (WSP)	Mark Lamoreaux (WSP)
Jose Zuniga (DOC)	Minette Knotts (OCIO)	Bill Tensfeld (WASEMA)
Charles LeBlanc (WSP/FPB)	Commissioner Jackson (WSAC)	Sheriff Blakeslee (WASPC)
Robert Ezelle (MIL)	Angela Knight (OCIO)	CeCe Zenker (OCIO)

#### Review of August 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Approve August 15, 2019, meeting minutes with no corrections. This motion was moved, seconded and carried. Effective date December 19, 2019.

### 2. NEWS AND INFORMATION ROUNDTABLE

**Eitmann (WaTech)** – Adam Eitmann introduced our two newest SIEC members. Commissioner Jackson representing Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) and Sheriff Blakeslee representing Sheriffs of Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC).

**Nisbet (WSDOT)** – Provided an update on the Land Mobile Radio project. Please refer to WSDOT’s PowerPoint presentation.

**Compaan (WASPC)** – Al Compaan announced his retirement with the Edmonds Police Department effective December 31, 2019. This SIEC meeting will serve as Al’s last. Al has been a long time member of the SIEC and we appreciate all the support and time he has provided over the past 11 years. We wish you well in your retirement!

**Flewelling (APCO/NENA)** – Currently replacing radio systems by putting in a 700mhz digital P25 system. E911 is working on partnering with Washington State Patrol, Pierce County, and others, to utilize core partnership and interoperability.

**Ezelle (MIL)** - Nearing completion of the E911 project. The CenturyLink contract expires this month (December 2019) and Military anticipates a good outcome with project completion.

### 3. WASHINGTON STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY PLAN (SCIP) – Jose Zuniga, Dept. of Corrections

Jose thanked members of the SAW group in completing work sessions to update the SCIP document. The SAW group, with assistance from the Department of Homeland Security, have provided an updated SCIP document for SIEC review and approval. The purpose of the SCIP document is to use as reference for future planning and communications and applies to state agencies. The document will help benefit the SIEC, cities and local counties.

A question was asked if there is there a reference library for homeland security communication plans. Jose is unaware of one available and will follow up. There was agreeance with the SIEC members that it would be beneficial to have a reference library. Adam Eitmann thanked the SAW group for their time and efforts in completing the SCIP document task.

MOTION: Approve the updated Washington Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) document. This motion was moved, seconded and carried. Effective date December 19, 2019.

**4. SAW PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL – Jose Zuniga, Dept. of Corrections**

Jose Zuniga received communication subsequent to a training session for COML/COMT, asked where trainees could obtain completion signatures on their related certification workbooks following training completion. The answer is unclear, there are no Washington accepted workbooks or processes to validate and certify individuals, and requested the SIEC establish a state training minimum for All Hazards COML/COMT. Recommended that FEMA Training and task books, be approved/accepted as the minimum standard, and to task the SAW Group with developing the signature protocol for approval by the SIEC to support signatures on workbooks for certification. The SIEC members discussed this issue and agreed that the SAW members will be tasked with developing a signature policy to approve workbooks. Once a SWIC is identified and hired as a permanent position, then the SWIC should be the appropriate signature authority.

MOTION: Approve acceptance/adoption of FEMA COML/COMT standards and training as the State of Washington minimum standards, and direct the SAW group with SWIC abilities to develop sign off protocols and process for SIEC approval. This motion was moved, seconded and carried. Effective date December 19, 2019.

**5. DNR FIRSTNET DEPLOYABLE(S) AFTER ACTION REPORT – Anton Damm, Dept. of Natural Resources**

Anton Damm discussed DNR's FirstNet deployable(s) after action report highlighting what worked well and what didn't. Since FirstNet rolled out, DNR has requested deployable(s) five times on a variety of fires within Washington and Alaska. DNR has learned a lot about how FirstNet response operations works, and it's apparent that FirstNet operations have matured as well.

During a recently attended public safety advisory committee meeting, there was a message regarding deployables. It was suggested to order deployables often and early if possible.

There was a question around if US Cellular was compatible as some rural areas have this carrier. FirstNet works on AT&T phones. If their COW does show up, your Verizon phone users are not getting service. The opposite is true; if a Verizon / Sprint / T-Mobile COW shows up, your FirstNet phone isn't going to connect. Some of the vendors bring a cache of phones when they deploy their COWs, and that is one way to solve the problem

There was a questions regarding if a unit covered everything in the area needed. Yes, Colorado is working on a report to require interoperability. DNR purchased a cache of FirstNet phones for the anticipated use of FirstNet Deployables.

## 6. VERIZON RESPONSE TEAM PRESENTATION – Christine Ballard & Robert Fletcher, Verizon Wireless

Christine Ballard, Verizon Crisis Response Manager, provided background on what the Verizon Crisis Response Team is and how they support Washington emergency management. The team consists of Verizon employees available 24/7/365 by calling the live support line. Manage crisis events nationally and provides assistance to government agencies, nonprofit organizations, etc. Deploys resources based upon the mission and accomplishing the task.

Christine presented a video during the Paradise, California fires displaying Verizon's network team setting the network back up for public safety, and keeping everyone safe during the fire. Doing as much interoperability as much as they can, using dual sims when possible. Verizon wants everyone to have communications to work. With the 24/7 manned hotline, Verizon will connect you with the crisis team and get information to route the appropriate equipment to fix it as soon as possible. Verizon will help public safety even if they do not have Verizon, offering thousands of devices available, even if you do not have a carrier Verizon device. User can download any app needed on the tablet, Verizon factory resets devices upon return.

Verizon's crises exercises bring technology into real life scenarios. Crisis exercises Verizon has conducted include:

- Airport in crisis exercise using telemedicine and technology to handle quarantines.
- Wildfire exercise using autonomous vehicles and drone delivery.
- Complex terror attack exercise/hostage scenario using drones and body cams.
- Tunnel emergency scenario using remote robotics and hazmat detection

## 7. GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Alisha King (WaTech) reminded everyone of the upcoming military initiative showcase event at the Capitol Campus on January 22, 2020.
- Adam Eitmann introduced CeCe Zenker who will be replacing Minette Knotts as OCIO Administrative Assistant and staff to the SIEC.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**Next SIEC Meeting:**

**February 20, 2019**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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