



State Interoperability Executive Committee Minutes December 18, 2014

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Building 91, Rooms 1 & 3, Camp Murray

1. Call to order, welcome, announcements, and introductions

Schrier called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

- Round-robin introductions:
- Introduction of Bob Johnson, DNR replacing Albert Kassel
- Announcement of Mike Doherty's retirement. Recognition gift. Replacement unknown.
- Members in attendance: Nisbet, Sharp, Hattell for Batiste, Harris, Campaan, Gregerson, Schrier, Duffy, Johnson, Marusich, Ezelle. Phone/WebEx: Fritts.
- August minutes approved, no modifications
- Update on Chief Batiste. Card is being passed for well wishes.

2. Roles and Responsibilities of SIEC Members

Thank you to all of our SIEC members who participated. The video will be made public Friday 8/22.

- Potential to convene a subcommittee group to work on more formal roles and responsibilities but not a lot of interest.
- SIEC staff will prepare a list of major points – one page summary of bullet points to use for communication
- SIEC staff will develop legislative packet for legislators.
 - a. Campaan stressed needs for talking points, law and justice day in Olympia – great opportunity for him to present some talking points
 - b. Fritts stressed importance of expressing similar message – to avoid the technical descriptions bogging down the message. Everyone using the same summary
- Nisbet recommended recognizing roll of SAW group- and supporting that effort as part of SIEC rolls and responsibilities.

3. Updates for ongoing projects

Bob Schwent updated the group regarding the Washington State Patrol Narrowbanding Project. This project is moving forward under budget with a stable schedule. The project achieved a huge accomplishment with the completed implementation in District 2 (King County area). The narrowband waiver was extended to now expire in June 2016. Another accomplishment included the interoperable 700Mhz resource for use of on scene commanders. Trunking implementation will continue in district 1 and 3. Randell Harris asked about communications with Tribes and outreach is ongoing.

Michael Marusich provided a report on the Rebanding Project including Facility/Site Status and challenges including reconfiguration scheduling delays.

Marusich also gave an update on the SIEC Advisory Workgroup (SAW) Committee work. Updates included the WSCA radio contract awards were expected to be announced early 2015.

4. Washington State Patrol Dispatch Consolidation Study

Introduced by Deputy Chief Curt Hattell (for absent Member John Batiste) the presentation was given by Mark Layhew (*Refer to Slides*) The Washington State Patrol (WSP) completed the Emergency Dispatch Center Consolidation Report as required by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5024 passed in 2013.

The SIEC endorsed this study as meeting the requirements of ESSB 5024 in November. There was some discussion of a stronger endorsement but Chief Hattell felt the current motion was sufficient

5. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Wireless Network Upgrade Project

Introduced by Member John Nisbet, Tim McDowell provided the presentation regarding WSDOT's land-mobile radio (LMR) and other wireless networks. The WSDOT LMR system is end of life and no longer supported by the manufacturer. They used the RFI process to gain information on replacement needs and estimated costs. Currently the system upgrade is unfunded. This proposed upgrade meets the policies and direction of the SIEC as expressed in our Technical Implementation Plan (TIP) and the P25 requirement of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Motion to SIEC for action: The SIEC agrees with WSDOT's conclusion that its wireless networks are aging, difficult to support, and pose significant risk of failure. The SIEC endorses the WSDOT Wireless infrastructure upgrade plan as presented at the SIEC's December 18 meeting as consistent with the SIEC's 2005 Technical Implementation Plan and current policies. The SIEC recognizes this plan also makes good use of the recent replacement of \$13 million in new radios procured for WSDOT through the rebanding process. The SIEC further recognizes that WSDOT and WSP have worked together to share wireless network sites and facilities, thereby reducing overall costs of operations, maintenance and this upgrade to WSDOT and WSP funding sources. The SIEC, exercising its authority for oversight of state government land-mobile-radio networks, requests WSDOT keep the SIEC informed as funding, RFP issuance, procurement and implementation proceed.

Motion moved by Nisbet, seconded by Member Harris, unanimously approved, motion carries.

6. Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wireless Network Upgrade Project

Introduced by Member Bob Johnson, Anton Damm provided the presentation regarding the DNR budget request to the legislature to support a six year improvement and upgrade plan for their existing land-mobile radio (LMR) and other wireless networks. This proposed upgrade meets the policies and direction of the SIEC as expressed in our Technical Implementation Plan (TIP) and the P25 requirement of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Motion to SIEC for action: The SIEC agrees with DNR's conclusion that its wireless voice network is aging, difficult to support, and pose significant risk of failure. The SIEC recognizes that such failure will place DFW, Parks and DNR operations, especially wildland firefighters, at significant risk of harm. The SIEC further recognizes that the coverage areas of DNR's network are significantly different than the state-highway coverage areas of the WSDOT and WSP networks. The SIEC therefore endorses funding of the first biennium infrastructure upgrade plan presented by DNR at the SIEC's December 18 meeting, and endorses that plan as consistent with the SIEC's 2005 Technical Implementation Plan and current policies. The SIEC further supports DNR's plan to leverage existing contracts for this upgrade, if at all feasible.

There was some discussion regarding this presentation

- Marusich verified all subscriber equipment is unsupported, it's possible much of this could be supported by vendors in the new WSCA contract. DNR is working with DOT to leverage current contracts. Verified purchase will be WSCA purchase, not RFI
- Member Ezelle asked if request was supported in Governor's 2015 budget. It's not believed that it is but unclear as budget was released hours before the meeting began.

Motion moved by Johnson, seconded my Member Campaan.

- Member Ezelle questions full support where SIEC publicly supports something that is not reflected in the Governor's budget the quote of concern is "the SIEC therefore endorses funding" *The SIEC therefore endorses funding of the first biennium infrastructure upgrade plan presented by DNR at the SIEC's December 18 meeting, and endorses that plan as consistent with the SIEC's 2005 Technical Implementation Plan and current policies.*
- Suggested amendment to the motion. *"The SIEC therefore endorses the first biennium infrastructure upgrade plan presented by DNR at the SIEC's December 18 meeting as consistent with the SIEC's 2005 Technical Implementation Plan and current policies.*

Vote on motion as amended, motion passes unanimously.

7. **State Route 530 Landslide Commission and Report**

Schrier reported that the published report published December 15, 2014 contained 2 major recommendations for the SIEC. No action needed today. Further review and plan to resource the recommendations are in the works for a future meeting.

8. **Budget subcommittee report**

Schrier reported on the budget subcommittee meeting on December 16, 2015. There are no new dollars for SIEC staffing or support of SWIC. Schrier minutes, and follow on meeting to come.

9. **Washington OneNet (WON) Status**

Shelley Westall provided update for OneNet including an update on Govdelivery. Which will soon be used in place of listserv. Data collection guidelines are coming from FirstNet in the coming months. OneNet has created several committees and activity will launch in new year.

- Stakeholder 266 members.
- Technical 126 members.
- Operational committee – Closed group, members will be appointed.

Tribal outreach is moving forward with the planning of a Regional Tribal Summit- tentatively planned for ATNI in Oregon, early February. Possible half day, joint session with states WA, OR, and ID.

Updated SCIP is in process with a follow up meeting scheduled for February 2015.

10. **SIEC Work plan and task list**

Schrier announced launching of a user story initiative to gather stores of how interoperability works on the ground.

SIEC Action Items:

1. Compile a list of COML and COMT resources
2. Provide access to COML, COMT, AUXCom Training
3. Manage COML, COMT, AUXCOM certification
4. Inventory communications vehicles
5. Create a WA Field Operations Guide (FOG)

6. Discussion with SERS, DNR, WSP, WSDOT and others involved regarding their action items

7. Update and maintain CASM database and make it available

Work with DHS/OEC to access their training catalog and use their technical assistance.

11. Good of the order and Information Sharing

Nothing new to report.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm