

## Washington State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and Washington OneNet Update for June 5, 2014

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### State Consultation Package from FirstNet

On April 30<sup>th</sup> we received the “initial state consultation package” from FirstNet. We completed and returned the initial consultation checklist this week. We were the fifth state out of 56 states and territories to turn in the completed package. This is important because the SIEC, at our April meeting, identified October 16<sup>th</sup> as the date we wanted to meet with the FirstNet team to launch the design process for Washington State, and we wanted to try and lock in that date. The consultation package [is online here](#), and included questions such as “is a governance body in place” (yes, that is our SIEC), and “who should attend the initial consultation meeting between FirstNet and the State (that would be the Governor, SIEC, stakeholder and technical committees). Our full response to the questions will be posted online next week at the [Washington OneNet website](#).

### Next Steps for FirstNet in Washington State

This is the rough timeline for the next steps toward building the First Responder network in Washington:

- June 4 – Initial State Consultation Package/checklist complete (see item above)
- June 19 – SIEC meeting at Camp Murray
- June-July – recruiting for Stakeholder and Technical Committee completed. The Stakeholder committee is public safety and elected officials from around the state who will help build the design, coverage maps and business plan for FirstNet. The Technical Committee will work with FirstNet technical staff to design the technical details (sites, coverage, priority, network management) for FirstNet in Washington. [More details here](#).
- August – initial meetings of Stakeholder and Technical Committees
- October 16 (tentative) – FirstNet team comes to Washington State to meet with Governor, SIEC, stakeholder and technical committees to kick-off the design phase.
- June, 2014 through 2015 – Outreach activities continue to help reach all public safety responders, to include second responders such as utilities, transportation, private companies, in the state and to make them aware of the FirstNet effort.
- October, 2014 through 2015 – Identification of assets (radio sites, fiber, data centers etc.) in Washington state which could be part of the FirstNet design.
- Late 2015 or early 2016 – design and business plan for FirstNet complete for Washington
- Early 2016 – Governor Inslee, with advice from the SIEC, decides whether to opt-in or opt-out of the design.

### SR530 Interoperability Report

SIEC staff have drafted a report on radio system interoperability during the State Route 530 landslide disaster which occurred in Snohomish County. This report includes input from state agencies, the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS), FEMA, the Urban Search and Rescue team and other agencies. A bit more input is yet to be included from the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Search-and-Rescue (SAR). This report will be available to the SIEC prior to the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting where we will discuss it.

## **Ed Parkinson Visits Washington**

Ed Parkinson is the FirstNet Director of Governmental Relations. Ed visited Olympia and Camp Murray on May 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a busy week, as the Washington State Fire Chiefs conference was going on in the Tri-Cities and the Washington Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Association was meeting in Spokane. Nevertheless Ed was able to meet and talk to State CIO Michael Cockrill, Emergency Management Division Director Robert Ezelle, and several other senior state and SIEC officials. A bit more information is contained in [Bill Schrier's blog post here](#).

## **Washington OneNet – Federal FirstNet**

There is a bit of confusion between Washington OneNet and FirstNet. Here's the quick elevator speech:

FirstNet is the First Responder Network Authority. This is a federal government agency – technically an “independent authority” within the federal Department of Commerce – which is funded with \$7 billion to build a nationwide public safety wireless broadband network. FirstNet must produce a design for each state and, if the governor accepts that design, will issue contracts to build the network in the State.

Washington OneNet is the team in the Office of the Chief Information Officer of Washington State government who managing a \$2.6 million Federal grant relating to FirstNet. The Washington OneNet team includes Bill Schrier, Michael Marusich and Shelley Westall. The goal of Washington OneNet is to work with responders in Washington to get the best possible design for the first responder network in this state. OneNet will not do any construction or let any contracts to build the network.

## **Other Short Updates:**

- What constitutes a “public safety grade” radio site? The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) has issued a report specifying what “public safety grade” means for FirstNet and for other public safety communications networks. The [report is here](#).
- FirstNet now has 46 federal employees, 29 contract employees and 10 other staff members (generally these are employees of a different federal agency who are on loan on temporary assignment to FirstNet).
- Twitter news. The Washington OneNet team tweets at [www.twitter.org/waonenet](http://www.twitter.org/waonenet). Anyone can view this twitter stream – you do not have to be a registered twitter user simply to view the posts there.

## **Upcoming Presentations and Events**

Contact Shelley Westall or Bill Schrier for more information on an event or to schedule a presentation and discussion.

- June 3 – 5: Public Safety Communications Research annual conference including FirstNet Board meeting and updates on technical research relating to designing and building FirstNet
- Thursday, June 12: FirstNet Presentation to Walla Walla EMCAB by Bill Schrier
- Thursday, June 19: SIEC Meeting at Camp Murray. Minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting are available.
- June 24-27: Washington State APCO-NENA Conference in the Tri-Cities including Washington OneNet/FirstNet Presentation Thursday morning.

## Recent Presentations and Events

- Monday, June 2: National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators Meeting, Colorado – Bill Schrier presenting on Social Media
- Thursday, May 29: FirstNet Presentation at City of Bellingham by Bill Schrier
- May 21: FirstNet Presentation by Carl Rebstock at Washington State Fire Chiefs Association meeting in Tri-Cities
- May 20: Firstnet Panel Discussion at Washington Independent Telephone Association Meeting in Skamania – Michael Marusich participating
- May 5-6: APCO Broadband Summit in Washington DC – Bill Schrier presented on Social Media
- May 8: Firstnet Presentation by Bill Schrier at Seattle Emergency Management Summit sponsored by Emergency Management magazine
- May 8 : FirstNet Presentation by Bill Schrier at Community Connectivity Consortium, an association of King County cities building fiber networks, in Bellevue
- April 17: SIEC Meeting at Camp Murray. Minutes are now published.

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