

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Western Massachusetts Regional Interoperability Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018 12:30pm
Hatfield Fire Department
3 School Street, Hatfield, MA 01330

In attendance: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Bob Hassett (Spfld. CMED), Lindsay Stromgren (Amherst FD), Jeremy DeMar (Spfld Comm), Bernard Forgea (CFD/CPD), Anthony Gentile (Wilbraham Dispatch), Butch Garriety (MSP), Jason Breault (BCSO), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Ann Dunne (FRCOG).

This meeting is audio recorded.

Bob Hassett called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting.

<p>Motion: Butch Garriety moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Jason Breault seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair

SIEC Update – Nick DaDalt reported the CMED Hovey Hill project was approved.

Project Updates

WMLEC Gap Solution – Raine reviewed the progress of the WMLEC Gap Solutions projects, and noted the Command Pod Unit was on display at the Eastern States Exposition during the Emerging Threats Training. The upgrade to the FC40 units is almost complete, and the purchase order for the Berkshire County project was issued. Steve Kozloski will provide Raine with the specifications for the Hampden County project.

CMED Hovey Hill – Raine has received the specifications for procurement, and expects the RFP to be published in the next few weeks.

Western Mass Interoperable Systems Update

Berkshire County – Jason Breault noted they are working on the radio update and the second phase of the console upgrade with Motorola.

Franklin County – Butch Garriety noted Borden Mountain and Charlemont Towers had some communication issues.

Hampshire County – None.

WMLEC –None.

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CMED – Bob Hassett reported the CMED projects are going well.

MSP – Butch Garriety noted the ongoing negotiations between the State 911 and the State Police Dispatchers union.

Other – Jason Breault noted that Berkshire County dispatch will start taking wireless 911 calls for the 26 towns they currently dispatch for in April.

Budget Review

Raine reviewed the FFY16 budget and expressed concerns about the WMLEC Gap Solutions project, due to delays from Motorola. Raine shared the information from the Council meeting, that MAPC and EOPSS may extend all the FFY16 contracts to December 31, 2018.

The FFY 17 projects are underway:

- ❖ COML Go Kits – Raine is waiting on the specifications.
- ❖ Hampshire Hills Project: \$45,000.00 unallocated, as this project is not going forward. Raine suggested waiting until the CMED project bid is received, before committing these funds elsewhere.

Requests – Berkshire County Sheriff’s Office IMT Antenna & Receiver - \$50,000.00

Jason Breault outlined his funding request to purchase and install equipment for the Berkshire County Sheriff’s Office Mobile Command Center.

- IMT Nucomm CIRAS- Single Channel Tower /Truck Mounted Receiver w/integrated antenna, to replace the existing portable visa link receiver.
- IMT VMS 2000 IP Aggregator Video Management System

This would be a new purchase, separate from the current WMLEC gap solutions project. The existing Berkshire County unit is in need of repair, the cost to evaluate the unit (\$400.00) was denied at a subcommittee meeting in the past.

Raine noted that funding is not available to cover this project. There is \$45,000.00 in FFY17, and cautioned spending this money, before the CMED project is complete. Raine suggested Berkshire County should submit a request again to have the unit evaluated.

All communications units are due to be upgraded in FFY18.

It was agreed to table the request; Raine will determine if the Pittsfield Fire Department will release the unit to be evaluated, and will seek a current cost estimate.

Old Business

Helicopter Communication: - The helicopter agency did not return Bob Hassett’s call; Bob agreed to follow up with EOPSS to assist in determining the frequencies used by the pilots.

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New Business

Lindsay Stromgren asked about the capabilities of the UHF DCR, and if they can be programed to be repurposed.

Raine noted the 2017 quote to evaluate the Berkshire Couty Visilink unit was \$432.50 minimum.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair – None

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2018, 12:30 pm at the Hatfield Fire Department, 3 School Street, Hatfield, MA.

There being no further business Butch Garriety moved to adjourn. Bernard Forgea seconded.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- Minutes from February 20, 2018 meeting
- WRHSAC FFY16 State Homeland Security Budget – 3/16/2018
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Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Dunne,
Franklin Regional Council of Governments