

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Interoperability / Information Sharing Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013 12:30 pm
Northampton Police Department, 29 Center Street, Northampton, Ma.

In attendance: Sue Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Ann Shea (MMC), Tom Grady (BCSO), John Taylor (SFD/DFS), Robert Garriepy (HPD), Dennis Nazzaro (DFS/NFD), Terry Dun (FCECS), Peter Rosamilia (SAIC), Gary Cromack (SAIC); Jason Breault (PPD), Russ Sienkiewicz (NPD)

The meeting was brought to order by Russ Sienkiewicz, Chair, at 12:36 pm. A round of introductions followed.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2013 meeting.

<p>Motion: Tom Grady moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting as submitted. Terry Dun seconded. Russ Sienkiewicz abstained. Motion passed.</p>

Project Updates

Hampshire Hills Interops

The system will be switched over to simulcast on Thursday. The final conference call will be held on Friday.

Berkshire Simulcast

Tom stated that the project is moving along.

FCECS Route 202

Terry stated that the FAA did determine that the Orange tower is allowable if painted and lighted. A quote for the additional work is in the meeting packet. Russ stated that the Council gave us permission to use FFY08 to assist with the additional costs. Discussion followed.

<p>Motion: Melissa Nazzaro moved to pay for the FCECS tower upgrades with the balance of FFY08 funds and the remainder with FFY09 unallocated funds specified for this project. Dennis Nazzaro seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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WMLEC Expansion

DCR released the permit to do the guy wire upgrades for the Borden tower. The category for the tower has not been resolved yet. There have been some issues with the FRCOG/FCECS and DCR and the MOU being updated. Sue stated that the situation is being discussed and handled by the appropriate FRCOG staff.

IMC Node Linking

Sue passed out copies of the draft scope of work from Tri Tech. Tri Tech is going to link all four sites, Montague, Pittsfield, Springfield and Amherst. The challenge is the software roll out is scheduled very close to the end of the funding. The Subcommittee decided that the project could be deemed a success and will approve the invoices to Tri Tech if all four sites are tested with six

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end users each or 90% reliability of 60% of the users using the 6.1 software. Sue stated that the project has approximately \$51,000 to be expended by June 30th.

WMRIC

Russ stated that this agenda item is a place holder.

Reprogramming Grant

Sue stated that the project is moving forward. SAIC has been contracted to oversee the RFP. A vendor will be hired to perform the reprogramming. It is a tight timeframe but the project is on track. John passed out a copy of the channel prioritization guide. Discussion followed.

Berkshire 385

SIEC approved the project. The only EHPs required are for the hospitals. Sue is developing the scope of work. This project is also on a tight time frame.

Interoperability Consultant

Gary Cromack stated that all of the data cards have been installed in the MSP sites. Green Mountain Communications was the selected as the vendor for the FCECS portion of the project. The project should be completed by mid-April. The MOU with DCR is required before the microwaves can be installed. The POs with the landlords are in progress for the Peru, Chesterfield and Blandford sites. Gary stated that he still needs the MOU with the MSP for the WMLEC project. Discussion followed.

Requests

No requests were presented.

Old Business

FFY2011 WMSIN Module

Sue stated that John Kenney reported that there has been no progress with the DA office. Sue suggested deciding at the March meeting if the funding for this project should be reallocated.

FFY2011 CMED

This project had been discussed earlier in the meeting. Sue suggested deciding at the March meeting if the funding for this project should be reallocated.

New Business

FFY2012 Projects

Sue stated that the projects for the FFY12 funding need to be solidified because the funding ends one month after the FFY11 funds. Sue stated that there is no separate specified funding for consultant costs. SAIC member left the room. Russ suggested that up to 80% of the funding for WMRIC be allocated for the consultant and 20% for other costs. The gap analysis and recommendations should be allocated \$25,000 for a consultant to identify the gaps, and the remaining funds go towards recommended improvements. The gap analysis can also be used to

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determine projects to be addressed with Target Hardening and Infrastructure Improvements. Sue will work on the draft scopes of work and PJs for distribution prior to the next meeting.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair

The WMLEC caches of batteries are nearing the end of life. It was suggested to replace them with leftover funds. Discussion followed.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

Russ stated a new representative from MSP has been appointed to attend Council meetings. The new representative is on a school safety task force. The Council is open to reviewing the purchase of portable x-ray and metal detectors. The request will go to the CBRNE Subcommittee. Bob stated that radio communications in schools in the Hill towns are often difficult because of the metal roofing. Discussion followed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 12:30 at the WMEMS.

There being no further business Tom Grady motioned to adjourn. Melissa Nazzaro seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
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