

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Interoperability / Information Sharing Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2013 12:30 pm
Northampton Police Department, 29 Center Street, Northampton, Ma.

In attendance: Sue Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), John Taylor (SFD/DFS), Robert Garriepy (HPD), Dennis Nazzaro (DFS/NFD), Terry Dun (FCECS), Suzanne MacBain (SAIC), Russ Sienkiewicz (NPD), Melissa Nazzaro (Spfld Comm), Bernard Forgea (CFD), Lindsay Stromgen (HCFC/AFD), Sean Sullivan (SPD), Chris Kuczarska (SFD/OEP), Kenneth Short (MSP), Blair Sutherland (MSP)

The meeting was brought to order by Russ Sienkiewicz, Chair, at 12:38 pm. A round of introductions followed.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the February 19, 2013 meeting.

<p>Motion: Terry Dun moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting as submitted. Tom Grady seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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Project Updates

Hampshire Hills Interops

Sue stated that officially the system went online over a week ago and is working under acceptable parameters.

Berkshire Simulcast

Tom stated that the project is moving along.

FCECS Route 202

Sue stated that the purchase order is being created. It requires additional review at MAPC because the amount is over \$100,000. The PO for the painting and lighting change order has been issued. Discussion followed.

WMLEC Expansion

Russ stated that the guy wire replacements were done earlier this month. The Engineering Consultant determined that the tower was a category 1 but there is pressure from Northeast Utilities to designate the tower as a category 3. The end result is that a new engineering study is required. Suzanne stated that if the tower is designated as a category 3 there may be some grant timing constraints. She asked if it would be possible to put the equipment on the tower with the agreement that the necessary improvements to the tower will be made. Discussion followed.

<p>Motion: Tom Grady moved to approve \$10,000 FFY10 funds for an engineering study of the Borden H Frame as both category II and III tower. John Taylor seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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IMC Node Linking

Russ stated that the project scope has been finalized and will be under budget. The consultant is waiting for the new software to be released before the installation can take place. This should be able to happen in June.

WMRIC

Russ stated that this agenda item is a place holder.

Reprogramming Grant

Sue stated that the budget was based on ITT40 numbers but no bids were received. Comtronics was reached out to and they agreed to bid. The bid came in higher than expected. Melissa suggested creating a prioritized list and get as many radios reprogrammed as the funding will allow. Discussion followed.

Berkshire 385

Sue stated that a bid for the EHP was received but it came in higher than expected. A purchase order will be issued soon.

Interoperability Consultant

Suzanne stated that the equipment and racks for WMLEC will be installed on the Butternut site as soon as the floor and electrical work have been completed

Sue read an email from Gary stating that there was an issue with the 800 system. The proposed solution is to create an 11th site for the system. Discussion followed.

Requests

Hampshire Hills Police Communications

Blair stated that the proposal is to bring 14 police departments on to the 800 system to utilize the 800 network. The subcommittee supported the project but there was concern about the lack of interdisciplinary aspect of the project and the cost of the project.

<p>Motion: Dennis moved to table the Hampshire Hills Police Communications project due to lack of funding. Terry Dun seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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Bob suggested breaking the project down into phases. Russ asked that this project be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

Old Business

FFY2011 WMSIN Module

Sue stated that there is no representative for this project present. The funding has to be spent by June 30, 2014.

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<p>Motion: Tom Grady moved to reallocate the \$25,000 for the WMSIN Module project to FFY11 unallocated funds. Terry Dun seconded. Motion passed.</p>
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FFY2011 CMED

Chris stated that this project is proposed to alleviate communication issues in Springfield and surrounding towns. Sean stated that narrowbanding reduced coverage. Melissa stated that the SIEC will not pass the project as written. The project must be multi jurisdictional as well as multi-disciplinary. Hospitals and EMS are considered the same discipline by SAIC. Sue cautioned that time is short for the grant funding. CMED 9 & 10 are interoperable, multi-discipline channels. They were added to the project. Sue will update the project justification and submit it to EOPSS/SIEC.

FFY2012 Gaps & Analysis PJ & SOW

Sue stated that the committee discussed the outline of this project last month. The draft PJ is in the meeting packet. It was decided that three field studies will be done in each county of any system that is active in that county. The committee asked that the PJ be sent onto EOPSS/SIEC for approval.

FFY2012 WMRIC PJ & SOW

Sue stated that this project was also reviewed last month. A draft PJ is in the meeting packet. EOPSS reviewed the PJ and commented that seeking legislation to recognize WMRIC is not allowed under lobbying constraints. Sue suggested separating the project into two projects, one to form the WMRIC and then a second project to develop the SOGs. Discussion followed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair

No unforeseen business was discussed.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 12:30 at the WMEMS.

There being no further business Tom Grady motioned to adjourn. John Taylor seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
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