

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Interoperability / Information Sharing Sub Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2012 12:30 pm  
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.

**In attendance:** Russ Sienkiewicz (NPD), Sue Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Terry Dun (FCECS), Ann Carroll (MMC), Tom Grady (BCSO), John Taylor (SFD/DFS), Robert Garriepy (HPD), Butch Garrity (SC MSP), Bill Scanlon (RHE Corp), Suzanne MacBain (SAIC), Gary Cromack (SAIC)

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Russ Sienkiewicz at 12:34 pm. A round of introductions followed.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the July 17, 2012 meeting.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Butch Garrity moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting as submitted. Tom Grady seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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**Project Updates**

*Hampshire Hills Interops*

The Council approved the additional funding for this project that was approved at the July Interops meeting. The project is moving forward.

*Berkshire Simulcast*

No update was given.

*FCECS Route 202*

Terry stated that this project is moving forward. The EHP for the Orange site has been completed.

*WMLEC Expansion*

The Council approved the request for \$10,000 for engineer services to design the necessary repairs to the Borden tower and the \$25,000 for the actual repairs. Gary will send Sue the scope of work for the engineer services so a quote can be sought.

*EHPs*

There is only one EHP outstanding. Sue will follow up with EBI on the status.

*WMSIN Medical Module*

Sue stated that work has begun in Hampden County.

*IMC Node Linking*

Sue stated that the purchase order has been issued to begin work in Hampden, Hampshire and Berkshire Counties.

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**Interoperability Consultant**

Gary Cromack stated that the quick quote for the Route 202 project was published. Motorola was the lowest bidder. Gary stated that all of the FCC licenses for the Route 202 project have been issued. A discussion followed concerning spare equipment.

Gary is finishing up the equipment list for the WMLEC project for DCR. Discussion followed.

**Requests**

*SAIC*

Suzanne MacBain referred to the hand out in the meeting packet. Due to the extra work that Gary has done to support the WMLEC project and aspects of PSIC that related to WMLEC, SAIC does not have enough funds remaining to complete contract obligations through February 2013. SAIC has proposed three different options to continue consultant service through February 2013. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** Tom Grady moved to approve up to \$20,000 from FFY2010 to complete consultant work through February 2013. Butch Garrity seconded. Voted unanimously.

*Brimfield RHE COOP radios*

Bill Scanlon stated that this project will improve communications among public works departments to enhance coordinated responses to natural disasters or critical incidents. The project was brought to the Central Council and they approved the project expenses for towns in the Central region. The town of Brimfield is in the Western region and the Central Council has requested that the Western Council pay for the radios for the town of Brimfield in the amount of \$36,000. Discussion followed. It was decided to table the vote on this project until the September meeting.

**Old Business**

*FRCOG Franklin Data Sharing Request*

Bob Dean requested to table this discussion until the September meeting.

*WMRIC*

Russ stated that it was brought up at the Council that there is some interest in forming a governing body to oversee the continuance of the Interops projects as the Homeland Security funds are decreasing. Jen Ball stated that the governing body could not compete for the same funding sources. Jenn said she would check with Kurt Schwartz to clarify if the governing body can replace the subcommittee.

Sue stated that the portable radios quote came in higher than expected. The shortfall is \$64.40.

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**Motion:** Butch Garrity moved to approve up to \$64.40 from FFY2008 to accommodate the purchase of the portable multiband radios. John Taylor seconded. Voted unanimously.

**Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

No unforeseen business was presented.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

Bob Garriepy asked about how to address identified gaps in coverage. Russ stated that the problem and towns concerned need to be documented.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2012 at 12:30 at the Northampton Police Department.

There being no further business Terry Dun motioned to adjourn. Tom Grady seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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