

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Interoperability / Information Sharing Sub Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2012 12:30 pm  
Northampton Police Department, 29 Center Street, 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), Bernard Forgea (MSP), Dennis Nazzaro (DFS/NFD), Jason Breault (PPD), Steve Kozloski (MPD), Suzanne MacBain (SAIC), Gary Cromack (SAIC)

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Russ Sienkiewicz at 12:32 pm. A round of introductions followed.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 21, 2012 meeting.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Tom Grady moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting as submitted. Butch Garrity seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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**Project Updates**

*Hampshire Hills Interops*

Sue stated that the project is on track. The EHPs were finished last week. The equipment has been ordered and the project is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

*Berkshire Simulcast*

Tom Grady stated that the project is nearing completion.

*FCECS Route 202*

Terry stated that this project is moving forward. The equipment has been ordered.

*WMLEC Expansion*

Russ stated that this project is moving along. Several vendors bid on the structural portion of the project. Sue stated that the contract was awarded last week.

*EHPs*

Sue state that the Mt. Wilcox EHP is the only outstanding one left.

*WMSIN Medical Module*

Sue stated that work on the project has begun.

*IMC Node Linking*

Sue stated that the purchase order has been issued to begin work in Hampden, Hampshire and Berkshire Counties. Franklin County is being held up due to the data sharing project issues. Discussion followed.

*WMRIC*

Russ referred to the draft 2012 Investment Plan. The projects and budgets were reviewed. Discussion followed.

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**Interoperability Consultant**

Gary Cromack reviewed the SAIC Consultant report. The bid for the Engineering work for the Borden site was \$8,900. Gary is reviewing the antenna inventory with the vendor. Discussion followed. A timeline was requested for the next meeting. Discussion followed.

**Requests**

No requests were presented.

**Old Business**

*Berkshire 385 Update*

The SIEC asked for further information and tabled the request to their October meeting. Sue worked with Lucy to gather information to answer the SIEC questions. Someone from the project should attend the SIEC meeting. Discussion followed.

*FRCOG Franklin Data Sharing Request*

Bob Dean requested to table this discussion until the October meeting. Discussion followed.

**New Business**

*Reprogramming Grant*

Russ stated that in the meeting packet is a handout on the Massachusetts Tactical Channel Plan – Radio Programming Project. The grant is competitive and must be completed in four months. The application is due on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** Russ Sienkewicz moved to propose to the Council to submit an application that includes three phases. Phase I will hire a vendor to do the reprogramming of Homeland Security purchased radios. Phase II will hire a vendor to reprogram town owned radios. Phase III will include purchasing a laptop and software to complete the reprogramming the remaining radios in the region. Tom Grady seconded. Voted unanimously.

**Business Unforeseen by the Chair**

Bernie Forgea asked for clarification about the MSP announcing that all local police departments need to use only 800 channels. Dennis stated that this is just for communication with the state police. Sue stated that the Blair Sutherland, MSP would like to see local police upgrade to use the 800 system. Discussion followed.

**Next Steps/Future Meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2012 at 12:30 at the Northampton Police Department.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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Franklin Regional Council of Governments