

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Interoperability / Information Sharing Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2012 12:30 pm
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.

In attendance: Russ Sienkiewicz (NPD), Sue Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Melissa Nazzaro (Spfld Comm), Terry Dun (FCECS), John Taylor (SFD), Dennis Nazzaro (NFD/DFS), Robert Garriepy (HPD), Ann Carroll (MMC), Alan Sirois (AFD), Phil Tarpey (SPD), Steve Cote (WMEMS), Suzanne MacBain(SAIC), Gary Cromack (SAIC).

The meeting was brought to order by Russ Sienkiewicz at 12:44 pm.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting.

<p>Motion: Melissa Nazzaro moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting as submitted. Dennis Nazzaro seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

Project Updates

Franklin County Data Sharing

No update was given.

Visilink Video Downlink

Sue is working on coordinating to get the MSP helicopter to participate in the upcoming training. An email with specific information will be sent out soon.

Hampshire Hills Interops

Sue stated that Phase II of this project was approved by the SIEC.

Berkshire Simulcast

This project is on track.

FCECS Rt. 202

Terry stated that the EHPs are getting done. Gary Cromack stated that the licensing is in process.

WMLEC Expansion

Gary stated that he is working on getting an updated quote for the May meeting. He is hoping to have the equipment installed by this fall.

Russ commended Sue on her tenacity and the amount of coordinating that she did in order to keep these projects on schedule. Motorola has agreed to pay for quite a few of the upgrades to keep the projects moving forward.

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EHPs

Sue stated that the EHPs are moving along slowly. EOPSS has requested a lot of follow up information.

MIFOG

Russ stated that the MIFOG is a bible of radio communications. Russ thanked John Taylor and Dennis Nazzaro for all their work on the nomenclature. The final version was emailed out this morning. Hard copies will be distributed on May 3rd.

Naming Convention

Russ stated that John and Dennis worked hard to coordinate the nomenclature statewide but there was resistance. W. Mass set a good example by coordinating and having a better level of information than the rest of the state.

TICP Workshop

Russ stated that the TICP workshop will be held on May 17th and 18th. There are currently 21 people registered. Sue stated that this workshop will discuss the regional systems.

WMSIN Medical Module

No update was given.

PSIC Grants

PSIC Trans-Regional

Many of the items for this project were previously discussed under WMLEC. There are weekly phone calls to keep the project moving.

Interoperability Consultant – Status Report

Gary stated that Northeast Utilities is going to do the structural inspections at Borden. It is likely that many of the guide wires and concrete anchors will need to be replaced. Terry suggested a meeting with DCR to discuss MOU issues. Discussion followed.

Suzanne MacBain showed the PowerPoint presentation prepared for the Interops Workshop on May 3rd and asked for input. Discussion followed.

Requests

FFY2010 IMC Node Linking PJ review

Phil Tarpey stated that this project will allow police officers to view photos and police records in their cruisers. This project will involve Hampden, Hampshire and Berkshire County. Franklin County will be phased in later.

<p>Motion: Terry Dun moved to approve \$120,000 from FFY10 for the Node Linking Project as presented. Melissa Nazzaro seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>

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FFY2010 WMFCA MDT PJ review

Sue stated that Chief Van Gorden has requested to upgrade the software. There are enough funds to purchase 18 to 20 MDTs to role out to people who do not have them.

<p>Motion: Phil Tarpey moved to approve \$100,000 from FFY10 to purchase the MDTs. John Taylor seconded. Voted unanimously.</p>
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Business unforeseen by the Chair

Russ stated that he received a letter suggesting ITT40 pricing to narrowband radios. Russ stated that it is less expensive to pay a consultant by the hour rather than use the per radio ITT40 pricing. Gary cautioned that licenses for radios that are not narrowbanded may be revoked.

Next Steps/Future Meeting

Sue stated that there is approximately \$50,000 of unallocated funds that needs to be spent by the end of September. Written proposals should be submitted for the May Council meeting. Discussion followed.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2012 at 12:30 pm.

There being no further business John Taylor motioned to adjourn. Terry Dun seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
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