

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Western Massachusetts Regional Interoperability Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017 12:30pm
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.

In attendance: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Melissa Nazzaro (Spfld Comm.), Walter Tibbets (FCECS), Bob Hassett (Springfield CMED), Robert Garriepy (Huntington PD), Bernard Forgea (CFD/CPD), Butch Garriety (MSP), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Paul Madera (Ludlow PD), Steve Kozloski (WMLEC), Ann Dunne (FRCOG).

This meeting is audio recorded.

Melissa Nazzaro called the meeting to order at 12:36pm.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting.

Walter amended the minutes as follows: replacing “a panel antenna was installed on the Erving Tower.” with FCECS “is looking at installing a panel antenna on the Erving Tower.”

<p>Motion: Steve Kozloski moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017 as amended. Bernard Forgea seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair

SIEC Update – Melissa reported the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator position was posted on the state website, and the position will remain within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS).

The new NextGen911 update at the Cambridge ACD site was pushed back, however the goal is to convert all the ACD sites during the summer as planned.

The statewide radio draft plan was submitted to the Commonwealth for the final review.

The SIEC has three subcommittees: the Data Subcommittee, the Policy & Program subcommittee, and the RF subcommittee. The SIEC plans on recruiting more members to the RF subcommittee to analyze the recent interference issues. Regional representatives, WMRIC members and the FCC will also be included in the discussion.

Project Updates

WMLEC Tactical Command Trailer – Steve Kozloski reported the repairs to the trailer will be taken care of by a local vendor. The trailer is requested at two upcoming events.

Hampshire Hills 800 – MAPC received a bid from Motorola, and the PO is the process of issued.

FCECS GPS Clocks – Walter Tibbets reported the bid was awarded to Green Mountain and the PO is in the process of being issued.

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Hampshire Hills Control Station- The project is ongoing and the equipment is being installed.

WMLEC Gap Solutions - The Council approved the \$200,000.00 project at their meeting this morning. The proposal will go to the SIEC for approval at their May 10, 2017 meeting.

Western Mass Interoperable Systems Update

Berkshire County – No Updates

Franklin County – Walter Tibbets gave a systems update and reported the PO for the GPS clocks is in the process of being issued. Butch Garriety reported the NextGen911 was not installed at the Shelburne Dispatch Center on 4/6 as planned; a new date has not been scheduled yet.

Hampshire County – No updates.

WMLEC – Steve reported on some power supply failures and interruptions on the Butternut Tower.

CMED – No updates.

MSP – No updates.

Other - No updates.

Budget Review

Raine reported on FFY15 funds remaining from the following projects:

\$10,915.00 Hampshire Hills 800.

\$651.00 GPS clocks.

Raine noted the subcommittee could use the total funds of \$11,566.00 to purchase equipment by July 2017, or return the monies to the Council. A suggestion was made for portable radios to be assigned to the new WMLEC trailer. After a lengthy discussion on the availability of portable radios to be deployed with the WMLEC trailer the following motion was made:

<p>Butch Garriety moved to approve the purchase of 800Mhz portable radios and one bank charger up to \$11,566.00 amount to be housed as a WMLEC mobile asset, to support the WMLEC tactical command trailer –with any remaining funds returned to the Council. Walter Tibbets seconded.</p>

Raine needs all of the portable radio details by 4/27/17 to complete the project justification for approval by the SIEC at the May 10, 2017 meeting.

After further discussion on vendors and the cost of the radios, the motion was amended as follows:

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Butch Garriety moved to approve the purchase of at *least (4) four* 800Mhz portable radios and one bank charger up to \$11,566.00 amount to be housed as a WMLEC mobile asset, to support the WMLEC tactical command trailer –with any remaining funds returned to the Council. Walter Tibbets seconded. Motion passed by a majority. Steve Kozloski abstained.

Due to the deadline on returning the money to the Council by their May 16, 2017 meeting, and given the above limitations in the motion – Melissa made the following motion.

Melissa Nazzaro moved to return the \$11,566.00 FFY15 funds to the Council by their May 16, 2017 meeting, if the subcommittee cannot identify and expend the funds on the purchase of at least (4) four 800Mhz portable radios and one bank charger . Walter Tibbets seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

\$200,000.00 FFY16 funds were approved by the Council for the WMLEC Gap Solutions project.

Requests- None

Old Business

Helicopter Communication – MIFOG

Melissa has no updates, but asked to keep it on the Agenda.

New Business – Melissa reported the Council cancelled their August meeting, and moved the September meeting date to September 12. The regular scheduled meeting date of Sept. 19, 2017 conflicts with the Sept 18 – 20, 2017 TEEX EOC Operations & Planning exercise.

The subcommittee decided to adjust their meeting schedule accordingly.

Bernard Forgea moved to cancel the August meeting and change the September meeting date to Sept. 12, 2017. Butch Garriety seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair- None

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2017, 12:30 at WMEMS at 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, MA.

There being no further business Bob Hassett moved to adjourn. Butch Garriety seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- Minutes from March 21, 2017 meeting
- WRHSAC FFY15 State Homeland Security Budget Spreadsheet
- WRHSAC FFY16 State Homeland Security Budget Spreadsheet

Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Dunne
Franklin Regional Council of Governments