

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Western Massachusetts Regional Interoperability Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018 12:30pm
Hatfield Fire Department
3 School Street, Hatfield, MA 01330

In attendance: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Bob Hassett (Spfld. CMED), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Walter Tibbets ((FCECS), Robert Garriepy ((Huntington PD), Peter Cowles (WEMA), Nancy Morrissey (Spfld. CMED), Butch Garriety (Shelburne Dispatch), Lindsay Stromgren (Amherst FD), Steve Kozloski (WMLEC), Dennis Nazzaro (Huntington/Northampton FD), Jason Breault (BCSO), Bob Barry (MEMA), Ann Dunne (FRCOG).

This meeting is audio recorded.

Bob Hassett called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

A round of introductions followed.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the May 15, 2018 meeting.

<p>Motion: Walter Tibbets moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting as presented. Peter Cowles seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Updates from the Chair

SIEC Update – No updates

SWIC Update – No updates.

Project Updates

WMLEC Gap Solutions – Motorola was awarded the bid for the Rapid Comm trailer upgrade. The trailer was requested for use at the August opening of the MGM casino in Springfield. The Berkshire County Field Comm Radios will be installed, when the acu cables are received.

CMED Hovey Hill – Raine has contracted with a vendor to complete the CMED EHP work.

Western Mass Interoperable Systems Update

Berkshire County – Is waiting on approval of the next round of the State 911 Development Grant to complete the last stage of the project.

Franklin County – Walter Tibbets, John Paciorek and FRCOG staff met with Secretary Bennet to discuss the status of the radio system and the timeline on migrating to the 800 State system. The meeting was encouraging, and FC is willing to fund a Franklin County study to help move the project along.

Pat Carnevale attended the Franklin County Fire Chiefs meeting , and will address their concerns with the Governor’s Office.

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Walter reviewed the communication issues with some of the microwave links.

Hampshire County – Dennis Nazzaro noted that Williamsburg is experiencing communication issues.

WMLEC – Steve Kozloski resolved an issue with a vendor, and organized repairs to the Lenox base station. Steve is coordinating a follow up WMLEC meeting, with the Western Mass Fire and Police Chiefs representatives, to discuss maintenance and sustainability of the system.

CMED: Nancy Morrissey reported on the changes to the monthly report. Designed to provide more detailed information to the agencies, to help prevent billing discrepancies.

MSP – Butch Garriety reported on a Franklin County microwave link outage.

Other - No updates.

Budget Review – Raine received confirmation of the extension of FFY16 projects to December 31, 2018. The remaining funds left over from the WMLEC Gap Solutions project is \$5,000.00

CMED Hovey Hill FFY17 project is underway, and once Raine receives the equipment list for the regional COMU Team Go-Kits, she will start the project process including project justification approval and procurement. Raine suggested holding the \$45,000.00 from the Hampshire Hills Lincoln Skinner project, to cover any unforeseen expenses from the CMED project.

Requests - None

Old Business - None

New Business – August Meeting

The committee agreed to defer the August meeting.

Dennis Nazzaro had a very informative meeting with ATT regarding FirstNet. The ATT representative will contact Raine to attend the WRHSAC meeting.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair – None

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2018, 12:30 pm at the Hatfield Fire Department, 3 School Street, Hatfield, MA.

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There being no further business, Butch Garriety moved to adjourn. Peter Cowles seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- Minutes from May 15, 2018 meeting
- WRHSAC FFY16 State Homeland Security Budget – 6/15/2018
- WRHSAC FFY17 State Homeland Security Budget – 6/14/2018

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Dunne,
Franklin Regional Council of Governments