

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Western Massachusetts Regional Interoperability Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 12:30pm
Hatfield Fire Department
3 School Street, Hatfield, MA 01330

In attendance: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Bob Hassett (Spfld. CMED), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Robert Garriepy (Huntington PD), Anthony Gentile (Wilbraham Dispatch), Butch Garriety (Shelburne Dispatch), Steve Kozloski (WMLEC), Tom Grady (BCSO), Jeremy DeMar (Spfld. Comm), Paul Madera (Ludlow PD), 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 June 19, 2018 meeting.

<p>Motion: Tom Grady moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting as presented. Robert Garriepy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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Updates from the Chair

SIEC Update – No updates

SWIC Update – No updates.

Project Updates

WMLEC Gap Solutions –Raine is waiting on confirmation of the installation of the Berkshire County Field Comm Radios. Steve Kozloski has received the Hampden County equipment and will coordinate the installation with Motorola.

CMED Hovey Hill – Bob Hassett will provide more photos for the EHP. They are needed to indicate the location of the new antennas.

Western Mass Interoperable Systems Update

Berkshire County – Tom Grady is waiting on approval of the next round of the State 911 Development Grant to complete the last stage of the three year project.

Franklin County – None

Hampshire County – None

WMLEC – Steve Kozloski is coordinating a follow up WMLEC meeting with the Western Mass Fire and Police Chiefs representatives to discuss maintenance and the financial sustainability of the system.

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CMED: Bob Hassett updated the committee on the recent procedural changes to CMED's monthly billing system. The Northern Connecticut communities will now be asked to reimburse CMED for their calls.

MSP –None

Other – Jeremy DeMar reported on the successful installation of Phase 2 wireless direct. Jeremy is preparing a communication plan with input from the surrounding towns, ahead of the opening of the MGM casino on August 24, 2018.

Budget Review –The remaining funds left over from the WMLEC Gap Solutions project is \$5,572.43.

The FFY17 funds are allocated to CMED Hovey Hill and the regional COMU Team Go-Kits, The \$45,000.00 from the Hampshire Hills Lincoln Skinner project is available for use. Raine continues to recommend that the funds not be allocated until the final cost for the CMED project is known.

Requests – (HREPC) request to purchase six units cost \$4206.30

The Hampshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee (HREPC) is seeking to purchase up to six (6) Wheeled Shelter Equipment Carts for use with their regional shelter supplies and equipment. Currently the shelter supplies are stored at the Hampshire Mall, and the addition of the carts would make storage and organization more efficient. The Planning Pan Flu Subcommittee will utilize their remaining FFY16 funds towards the project (\$2,047.41) and sought an additional \$2,158.89 from the Council. Currently the only available FFY16 funds are associated with WMRIC. The Council approved the additional funds pending WMRIC's approval.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

<p>Motion: Tom Grady motioned to transfer \$ 2158.89 from WRMIC FFY16 funds for purchase the six (6) shelter equipment carts for HREPC. Steve Kozlowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Old Business

Helicopter Communication –Air Ambulance
Bob asked to keep it on the agenda.

Bob Garriepy reported on a recent communication issue in Buckland and Shelburne. General discussion ensued.

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Paul Madera discussed the availability of resources to expand the usage of drones. General discussion ensued.

New Business – None

Business Unforeseen by the Chair – None

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2018, 12:30 pm at the Hatfield Fire Department, 3 School Street, Hatfield, MA.

There being no further business, Paul Madera moved to adjourn. Tom Grady seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- Minutes from June 19, 2018 meeting
- WRHSAC FFY16 State Homeland Security Budget – 7/13/2018
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Respectfully Submitted by Ann Dunne,
Franklin Regional Council of Governments