



Western Massachusetts Regional Interoperability Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 12:30 pm
Virtual meeting

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AGENDA

- 1. Open Meeting***
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Introductions**
- 4. Update from the Chair**
 - a. SIEC Update
 - b. SWIC Update
- 5. Project Updates**
 - a. WMLEC Equipment Replacement
 - b. BCSO Radio Repeater Site
 - c. COMT Programming Software and Cables
 - d. Rapid Comm Trailer Mobile Radios
 - e. Tech Rescue, COML P25 radio update
- 6. Western Mass Interoperable Systems Update**
 - a. Berkshire
 - b. Franklin County
 - c. Hampshire
 - d. WMLEC
 - e. CMED
 - f. MSP
 - g. 911/Dispatch
 - h. Air Methods
 - i. Other
- 7. Budget Review**
- 8. Requests**
- 9. Old Business**

10. New Business

11. Business unforeseen by the Chair

12. Next Steps/Future Meetings

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 12:30pm, virtual

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Western Massachusetts Regional Interoperability Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 12:30pm**

Subcommittee members present: Anthony Gentile (Wilbraham Dispatch), Matt Barstow (MSP), Dennis Nazzaro (Pelham FD/Hampshire), Jake Pyra (Berkshire), Lindsay Stromgren (Amherst FD), Alan Sirois (Agawam Fire/WMFCA), Robert VanZandt (Belchertown FD), Kurt Seaman (S. Deerfield FD/Franklin), Nina Barszcz (Westfield), Tom Grady (BCSO, Alternate for Jake Pyra).

Non-members present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Tyler Allen (Monson FD), Anthony Massoia (WestComm), Mark Williams (East Longmeadow PD), Mike Meaney (WestComm) and Alex Rock (ASWIC).

Subcommittee members absent: Ty Denson (CMED/Springfield Fire), Aaron Budine (Bernardston FD), Eric Watson (Chicopee PD/WMELC) and Robert Garriepy (Huntington PD).

This meeting was conducted on Zoom. The meeting was recorded.

Anthony Gentile called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 16, 2026 meeting. Nina noted she is listed as both present and absent. She was present. The correction will be made.

Motion: Kurt Seaman moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting as amended. Dennis Nazzaro seconded the motion. Anthony Gentile, Matt Barstow, Dennis Nazzaro, Jake Pyra, Lindsay Stromgren, Alan Sirois, Kurt Seaman and Nina Barszcz approved. The motion was approved.

Introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair – No new updates.

SWIC/SIEC Update – Dennis Nazzaro noted there wasn't a meeting this month due to the 4th of July holiday. Alex Rock noted he had nothing new from SWIC office.

Project Updates

WMLEC Equipment Replacement – Raine reported. The project is nearly complete. They are waiting on a report from Northeast regarding information on equipment that needed updates.

BCSO Radio Repeater Site – Tom reported. He believes there is one more piece of equipment to install. Later in the chat, Tom shared he spoke to Pittsfield Communications. Final equipment has been installed and the project is complete.

COMT MDT Programming Software and Cables – Raine reported. WRHSAC and EOPSS approved this project. Raine will begin work on procurement this week.

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WMLEC Rapid Comm Mobile Radio Update – Raine reported. This needs SIEC approval. They will submit the PJ and ICIP for EOPSS and SIEC approval.

Tech Rescue, COML P25 Radio Update – Raine reported. This was approved by WRHSAC today. Raine will submit to EOPSS for final approval.

Western Mass Interoperable Systems Update

Berkshire County – Jake Pyra noted he had nothing to report.

Franklin County – Kurt Seaman noted he had nothing to report.

Hampshire County – Dennis Nazzaro reported. The Hampshire County Fire Chiefs discussed the future of the county's fire radio system and are scheduled to meet with state legislators to explore potential funding assistance. Two options are being considered: transitioning to the State Police 800 MHz system, which would require municipalities to fund new subscriber equipment, or continuing to invest in the existing VHF system, which is less costly and compatible with current equipment. Regardless of the path chosen, significant financial assistance will likely be needed to support the transition.

WMLEC – No one present to report.

CMED – No one present to report.

MSP – Matt Barstow reported. Recent major events, including the FIFA World Cup, Tall Ships, and Fourth of July celebrations, placed significant demand on the statewide interoperability system, resulting in a record number of channel requests. Despite the increased activity, the system performed well. In Western Massachusetts, a lease was finalized for the New Salem radio site on Blueberry Hill, allowing construction to move forward. The site is a key milestone in expanding the new statewide radio system, with additional construction continuing across the Commonwealth.

911/Dispatch – Nina noted she had nothing to report.

Air Methods – No one present to report.

Other – No other reports.

Budget Review

Raine Brown reported. Currently the committee has allocated all its funds. There won't be any more money until FFY25 comes online. There isn't any information as to when that will be.

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Requests – The committee had no requests to consider.

Old Business – No old business.

New Business – No new business.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair – There weren't any unforeseen items.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 12:30 pm, on Zoom. There being no further business, Anthony accepted a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Kurt Seaman moved to adjourn. Dennis Nazzaro seconded the motion. Anthony Gentile, Matt Barstow, Dennis Nazzaro, Jake Pyra, Lindsay Stromgren, Alan Sirois, Kurt Seaman and Nina Barszcz approved. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- WMRIC Meeting Agenda for July 21, 2026
- WMRIC Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2026 (draft)
- WMRIC FFY23 Budget Report through 07/17/26
- WMRIC FFY24 Budget Report through 07/17/26

Respectfully submitted by:

Raine Brown, Homeland Security Program Manager
Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

WRHSAC				Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council							Thru: 9/11/2026	
FFY24				Total Grant: : \$1,031,973.85								
State Homeland Security Program				PLAN			ACTUAL					
				Budget			Allocated			Encumbered		
				Original	Increases (Decreases)	Current						
								NOT Allocated		Invoiced	(OVER) Under	
TOTALS				\$1,031,973.85	\$0.00	\$1,031,973.85	765,229.51	266,744.34	699,117.54	488,837.07	261,139.61	
B	Enhance Regional Communication Systems & Assets			\$130,960.00	\$6,652.91	\$137,612.91	117,307.00	20,305.91	0.00	90,296.59	20,305.91	
		Moved from E	\$3,707.40			B.01	BCSO Radio System Hub	x	42,658.31	42,658.31	0.00	
		Moved from E	\$2,945.51			B.02	Hampshire ROIP Gateway	x	2,386.43	2,386.43	0.00	
						B.03	Berkshire Mast Camera and Router Antenna	x	45,251.85	45,251.85	0.00	
						B.04	COML Laptops Software and Cables		0.00	0.00	2,200.00	
						B.05	Rapid Comm Trailer Mobile Radios		0.00	0.00	23,926.41	
						B.06	Cache Radios Phase II P25 Update		884.00	0.00	0.00	

END

- Key Terms
- 1. "Allocated" ... refers to funds that have been dedicated to a specific plan of action
 - 2. "Not allocated" ... refers to budgeted funds not yet allocated to a specific plan of action
 - 3. "Encumbered" ... refers to allocated funds that have been committed via purchase orders
 - 4. "(OVER)Under Allocation" ... indicates the balance of funds remaining upon completion of a specific plan of action

WRHSAC

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council

Thru: 9/11/2026
Total Grant: \$1,146,637.68

FFY23

State Homeland Security Program

FFY23 State Homeland Security Program	PLAN				ACTUAL				
	Budget			Current	Allocated	NOT Allocated	Encumbered		
	Original	Increases (Decreases)					Invoiced	(OVER) Under	
TOTALS	\$1,146,637.68	\$0.00	\$1,146,637.68		1,146,637.68	0.00	1,146,637.68	1,146,637.68	0.00
A Equipment Shelters/PODs	\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00	\$0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved from J \$10,478.06			A.01 Equipment Shelters/PODs	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved from J \$6,475.52			A.02 0	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved to G -\$185,105.00			A.03 0	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved to I -\$19,738.00			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved to E -\$12,110.58			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
B Election Security Training and/or Equipment (3% Min Spend	\$34,400.00	\$0.00	\$34,400.00		34,400.00	0.00	34,400.00	34,400.00	0.00
					B.01 Election Day Security	x	13,852.68	13,852.68	0.00
					B.02 Portable Barriers Training	x	3,995.00	3,995.00	0.00
					B.03 Portable Barriers Equipment	x	16,552.32	16,552.32	0.00
					B.04 #N/A	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					B.05 #N/A	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					B.06 #N/A	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					B.07 #N/A	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					B.08 #N/A	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
C School Safety Task Force Metal Detectors	\$22,000.00	-\$2,134.90	\$19,865.10		19,865.10	0.00	19,865.10	19,865.10	0.00
		Moved to J -\$2,134.90			C.01 School Safety Task Force Metal Detectors	x	19,865.10	19,865.10	0.00
					C.02 0	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
D Enhance Regional Communication Systems & Assets	\$150,000.00	-\$13,128.43	\$136,871.57		145,278.91	-8,407.34	145,278.91	145,278.91	-8,407.34
		Moved to A -\$6,475.52			D.01 FCSRT Rugged Tablet	x	2,940.00	2,940.00	0.00
		Moved to J -\$3,707.40			D.02 Franklin County Patch Panels		33,200.00	33,200.00	0.00
		Moved to J -\$2,945.51			D.03 Franklin County Multibands		177.00	177.00	0.00
					D.04 WMLEC Equipment Updates		86,455.00	86,455.00	7,500.00
					D.05 Hampshire ROIP Gateway		4,249.57	4,249.57	0.00
					D.06 BCSO Radio System Hub		18,257.34	18,257.34	-7,500.00
E Regional Dive Team Equipment	\$71,457.00	-\$4,542.00	\$66,915.00		66,915.00	0.00	66,915.00	66,915.00	0.00
		Moved from A \$12,110.58			E.01 Regional Dive Team Equipment	x	55,299.42	55,299.42	0.00
		Moved to I -\$16,626.83			E.02 Reg Dive Eq Trailer	x	11,615.58	11,615.58	0.00
		Moved to J -\$25.75			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
F WMTRT Surface/Swift Water Equipment	\$18,283.00	-\$4,497.21	\$13,785.79		13,785.79	0.00	13,785.79	13,785.79	0.00
		Moved to I -\$3,817.32			F.01 WMTRT Surface/Swift Water Equipment	x	13,785.79	13,785.79	0.00
		Moved to J -\$679.89			F.02 0	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
G WMTRT Rope Rescue Equipment	\$5,804.00	\$164,500.04	\$170,304.04		170,304.04	0.00	170,304.04	170,304.04	0.00
		Moved from A \$185,105.00			G.01 WMTRT Rope Rescue Equipment	x	4,418.99	4,418.99	0.00
		Moved to J -\$1,385.01			G.02 WMTRT Prime Hauler	x	145,848.43	145,848.43	0.00
		Moved to M -\$20,273.00			G.03 WMTRT Hearing Protection Headsets		20,036.62	20,036.62	0.00
		Moved to J -\$500.32			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved from M \$1,154.81			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved from M \$398.56			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
H Regional Hazmat Team Training	\$30,000.00	-\$15,477.12	\$14,522.88		14,522.88	0.00	14,522.88	14,522.88	0.00
		Moved from J \$4,256.26			H.01 Compressed Gas Cylinder Training	x	2,622.88	2,622.88	0.00
		Moved to J -\$10,377.02			H.02 Compressed Natural Gas Training	x	11,900.00	11,900.00	0.00
		Moved to J -\$44.04			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved to J -\$9,312.32			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
I ASHER Equipment	\$100,000.00	\$70,182.15	\$170,182.15		170,182.15	0.00	170,182.15	170,182.15	0.00
		Moved from A \$19,738.00			I.01 ASHER Equipment	x	170,182.15	170,182.15	0.00
		Moved from A \$30,000.00			I.02 0	x	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved from E \$16,626.83			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved from F \$3,817.32			#N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
J WRHSAC IPP Trainings or Exercises	\$280,293.68	-\$3,256.17	\$277,037.51		269,122.95	7,914.56	269,122.95	269,122.95	7,914.56
		Moved to A -\$10,478.06			J.01 CATCH Training	x	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
		Moved from C \$2,134.90			J.02 De-Escalation Training	x	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
		Moved from G \$1,385.01			J.03 AAIR Instructor BF/OT Local		4,459.14	4,459.14	0.00
		Moved to H -\$4,256.26			J.04 WMTRT Swift Water Training		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved to I -\$30,000.00			J.05 WMTRT Boat Operator Training		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Moved from D \$3,707.40			J.06 Crush Impalement Training		14,250.00	14,250.00	0.00
		Moved from H \$10,377.02			J.07 Advanced Body Recovery		6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
		Moved from G \$500.32			J.08 Emergency Rescue Diver I		9,440.00	9,440.00	0.00
		Moved from E \$25.75			J.09 WMSAR K-9 Training		8,508.04	8,508.04	0.00
		Moved from F \$679.89			J.10 Baystate Investigative Training		29,000.00	29,000.00	0.00
		Moved from H \$44.04			J.11 WMFCA Leadership Series Chief Linskey		6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
		Moved from K \$10,365.99			J.12 WMTRT Exercise Evaluators		2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
		Moved from H \$9,312.32			J.13 WMTRT Boat Operators Fall 2025		9,800.00	9,800.00	0.00
		Moved from D \$2,945.51			J.14 WMTRT Swift Water Fall 2025		9,900.00	9,900.00	0.00

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		Budget			Allocated				Encumbered	
		Original	Increases (Decreases)	Current		NOT Allocated		Invoiced	(OVER) Under	
					J.15 ASAP Train the Trainer	12,500.00		12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
					J.16 Aerial Apparatus Training	9,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
					J.17 AAIR Add-on Equipment Kit and Shot Box	21,548.33		21,548.33	21,548.33	0.00
					J.18 MERT Tactical Medical Practitioner Training	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
					J.19 Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training	12,600.00		12,600.00	12,600.00	0.00
					J.20 WMTRT Machine Entrapment & Extrication	11,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
					J.21 IAFC Technology Summit '25	9,337.96		9,337.96	9,337.96	0.00
					J.22 Sheffield Fire Stop the Bleed Kit	1,308.00		1,308.00	1,308.00	0.00
					J.23 COMET Training	16,000.00		16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
					J.24 K9 Training Week 2026	6,355.00		6,355.00	6,355.00	0.00
					J.25 Dry Suit Training 2026	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
					J.26 Full Face Mask Training 2026	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
					J.27 Crisis Negotiators Conf 2026	10,934.28		10,934.28	10,934.28	0.00
					J.28 Med Specialist Training	7,282.20		7,282.20	7,282.20	0.00
					J.29 ASAP 2026	25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
K	Regional Large Scale HSEEP Exercise	\$34,400.00				24,034.01	0.00	24,034.01	24,034.01	0.00
			Moved to J		K.01 Regional Large Scale HSEEP Exercise	24,034.01	x	24,034.01	24,034.01	0.00
					K.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
L	M&A Statewide Fiduciary Support	\$200,000.00				200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
					L.01 FRCOG Program Support	200,000.00	x	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
					L.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
M	FC Fire Hand Crew PPE					18,226.85	492.78	18,226.85	18,226.85	492.78
			Moved from G		M.01 FC Fire Hand Crew PPE	18,226.85	x	18,226.85	18,226.85	0.00
			Moved to G		M.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
			Moved to G		#N/A		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
N	\$0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					N.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					N.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
O	\$0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					O.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					O.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
P	\$0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					P.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					P.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
Q						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					Q.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					Q.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
R						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					R.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					R.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
S						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					S.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					S.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
T						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					T.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					T.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
U						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					U.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					U.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
V						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					V.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					V.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
W						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					W.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					W.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
X						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					X.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
					X.02 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00
Y						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					Y.01 0		x	0.00	0.00	0.00