



# West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Date:</b> 6/12/2023              | <b>Time:</b> 1424 | <b>Location:</b> RETI Flatwoods |
| Meeting Called To Order: Bobby Hoge |                   |                                 |

## SIEC Membership & Participation

(X – Present; Blank – Absent; X-CC – Present via Conference Call)

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|----|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1  | Bump, Paul        | X                       | WV Zone 1 Switch Agency          |
| 2  | Wriston, Jimmie   | CC Proxy – Patrick Shea | WV Department of Transportation  |
| 3  | Channell, Fred    | X                       | RIC 4 Chairman                   |
| 4  | Blosser, Travis   | CC Proxy – Dave Erwin   | WV Municipal League              |
| 5  | Spence, Josh      |                         | WV Office of Technology          |
| 6  | Zilinski, John    |                         | RIC 5 Chairman                   |
| 7  | Miller, Jeffrey   | CC Proxy – Tyrone Gore  | WV Parkways Authority            |
| 8  | Hart, Tom         | CC                      | RIC 2 Chairman                   |
| 9  | Tatum, Mike       | CC Proxy – Bobby Hoge   | WV E-911 Council                 |
| 10 | Chambers, Jack    | Proxy – David Simmons   | WV State Police                  |
| 11 | McConnell, Dustyn | X                       | WV SWIC                          |
| 12 | McCallister, Roy  | X                       | RIC 1 Chairman                   |
| 13 | Crane, Bill       | Proxy – Danny Kirby     | WV National Guard                |
| 14 | Howard, Tom       |                         | WV Sheriff's Association         |
| 15 | Cadle, Pat        |                         | WV County Commission Association |
| 16 | Polczynski, Jeff  | CC                      | RIC 3 Chairman                   |
| 17 | Ratliff, Jody     | Proxy – Tim Priddy      | WV Health & Human Resources      |
| 18 | Saffel, Dave      | X                       | APCO                             |
| 19 | Tyree, Ken        | Proxy – Roy McCallister | WV State Fire Marshal            |
| 20 | Mccabe, GE        | CC                      | WVDEM Director                   |
| 21 | Vargo, Lou        | CC                      | WV Zone 3 Switch Agency          |
| 22 | Vititoe, Steve    | CC Proxy – Justin Wolfe | RIC 6 Chairman                   |
| 23 | Rose, Richard     | CC Proxy – Justin Wolfe | WV Emergency Management Council  |

## Non-SIEC Board Members Present

(X – Present; Blank – Absent; X-CC – Present via Conference Call)

|   |               |    |                     |
|---|---------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | RC Faulk      | CC | Assistant SWIC      |
| 2 | Fred Kinder   | CC | SIRN                |
| 3 | Bill Wood     | CC | SIRN                |
| 4 | Brooke Hess   | X  | Loudoun VA          |
| 5 | David O'Brien | X  | Technical Committee |
| 6 | Dirk Burnside | X  | Technical Committee |
| 7 | Jim Mangus    | X  | Technical Committee |
| 8 | Tony Novel    | X  | RIC 2               |
| 9 | Steven Singer | X  | CISA                |



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| 10 | Tom Gagnon       | X | CISA   |
| 11 | Michael Spangler | X | WV DNR |
| 12 | Nathan Sayre     | X | WVSP   |
| 13 | Gregg Hendry     | X | WV     |
| 14 | Cheryl Elliott   |   |        |
| 15 | Pete Marotta     |   |        |
| 16 | Matthew Fisk     |   |        |
| 17 | Taylor Johnson   |   |        |

Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:**     **Dave Saffel**
- **Second:**    **Dave Erwin**
- **Motion:**     **Passed**

### Technical Committee Report – Dave Saffel

- Equipment testing – Testing continues on the Motorola NEXT and we continue to determine what it does and does not do like a Standard APX.
- Programming
  - Current Versioning –
    - Motorola **APX 30.00.00** - MEGA Firmware **30.02.00**
    - **APX Tuner – R30.00.01 (Released January 2023)**
    - Motorola APX Next - **04.71.00 FW**
    - Motorola CPS 20.01.00 – Firmware 20.50.10
    - Kenwood – KPG-95DGN v 8.30 (10 Series) Firmware – 4.43 (v2) 6.14 (v3)
    - Kenwood – KPG-112DN V2.33 (20 Series) Firmware 2.21
    - Kenwood – KPG-D1N 5.01 (NX-5X00 & 30 Series)–Firmware 5.01-adds their version of ADP to the radios if you get the license (no cost)
    - Armada - **1.36.24**
  - System Managers Report –
    - May 2023 Stats:
      - Calls = 3,255,330
      - Busy = 13,651
      - PTT = 3,854,733
    - 2023 to Date
      - Calls = 15,243,064
      - Busy = 53,055
      - PTT = 18,097,512



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- T-Mobile desire to add a dish to the Welch site. Motion to approve Jim Mangus, second Dave Erwin. Passed
- Nicholas County POC indicated that Charley Bickford has programmed talkgroups that are not permitted into radios and RC Faulk is working to get a copy of the codeplug for review. Charley Bickford has been set suspended in the programmer database.
- Berkeley County Epic Headstart requests one talkgroup. Non-dispatch, valid only in Berkeley County. Motion Dave Erwin, Jim Mangus second. Passed
- Fiber run from 911 to Malden by Frontier as a backup to the microwave.
- New generator connect is completed to the radio room at Building 5.
- Morgantown Medical Command is looking to purchase an Avtec console which would require a CSSI connection.
- Motorola is back on schedule with patching. They have grown in size; it is important to not reboot until you get an indication that it is safe to do so. We finally got acknowledgement from Motorola that they have recognized the problem with recording after patching/updates. They have not necessarily found the solution after three years, but they have at least acknowledged that. Frederick County is now online with patching. The only one that is not being patched is the 911 center in Berkeley County due to not having the correct computers that would accept the patch.
- There were three servers that had problems during the update, but that has been fixed and installed.
- Shepherdstown update – Several sites have been looked at for appropriateness for both frequencies and paths to a microwave location. The University has been very positive in looking at this not just for them, but for the greater good of the entire area.
- TDMA issue after update – Marshall County tested 9 versions of firmware for the NX series of radios. They found two versions of firmware that worked and communicated with Kenwood about that. Kenwood is working on the tests and is creating a firmware update and hopefully it will be back this coming week
- After the upgrades, the site routers in Zone 3 had errors. Once they are rebooted, they seem to clear the error. They will watch to see if it reoccurs.
- Vendor programming issue was identified by Dave Erwin and discussion ensued. It was decided that a letter to the vendor from the SWIC office will be sent.



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## Cyber Security Sub-Committee Report – Danny Kirby

- Nothing reported.

## Policy and Procedures Committee Report – John Zilinski

- Did not meet.

## Training/Education/Outreach Committee Report – Roy McCallister

- No report provided.

## Conference Committee Report – RC Faulk

- RC Faulk advised the registration portal will be opening up for 2023 attendees.
- Bobby Hoge recommended that we strive to open the vendor portal very early in 2024 for Conference 2024. That has worked very well for this year.
- RC Faulk reported that he is still working with Camp Dawson about what we will do with vendor area layout due to the closure of the auditorium and the construction work where we normally set up.
- All members were urged to continue provided agenda input to Steve Vititoe.

## Planning Committee Report – Bobby Hoge

- Application update for Berkeley County to add the PSD to the county umbrella was approved.
- GE McCabe is trying to determine where there is FirstNet lack of coverage to try and get some more sites built.
- It was reported that Wileyville site is at 40 feet built up in the air.

## New & Emerging Technologies – Paul Bump

- FirstNet reported that the deployable units only accept user devices with FirstNet SIM cards. There have been reported failures with deployables at the Regatta and the Williamson funeral detail where devices did not work as expected, however reports show that the devices in question were not running on the new FirstNet SIM cards.



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## **RIC Region 1 Report – Roy McCallister**

Kanawha, Clay, Putnam, Jackson, Roane, Calhoun, Ritchie, Wirt, Wood, and Pleasant

- Has not met since the last SIEC meeting but side discussion did occur with Putnam County advised Confidence tower is complete; The county has 6 frequencies that are believed to be trunked frequencies. Frequencies will be sent to Dave Saffel to check feasibility.

## **RIC Region 2 Report – Tom Hart**

Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler, Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor

- Minutes provided.

## **RIC Region 3 Report – Jeff Polczynski**

Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Berkeley, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan

- No minutes reported.

## **RIC Region 4 Report – Fred Channel**

Pocahontas, Pendleton, Webster, Randolph, Tucker, Barbour, Upshur, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis

- No minutes reported.

## **RIC Region 5 Report – John Zilinski**

Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming, Raleigh, Summers, Monroe, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Fayette

- Minutes provided.

## **RIC Region 6 Report – Steve Vititoe**

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- No minutes reported.

## **Business Conducted**

- Motorola personnel were on site and online to provide a web-cloud demonstration and a life cycle and upgrade presentation, and a cyber and monitoring demonstration.
- Technical Committee made a motion to approved a new talkgroup for Berkeley County; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Novel, Motion passed.



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- Technical committee made a motion to approve the Welch tower T-Mobile upgrade; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Novel, Motion passed.
- Technical Committee made a motion to approve the new Berkeley County PSD talkgroup; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Erwin, motion passed.

Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup>, at RETI Flatwoods.

Meeting adjournment.

- **Motion:**       **Dave Saffel**
- **Second:**       **Roy McCallister**
- **Motion Passed**

**Region 2 RIC**

**Wednesday May 10, 2023**

**Virtual/West Virginia State Police**

**Fairmont, WV**

25 members attended.

***Called meeting to order.***

***Approval of March 16, 2023, minutes***

Tony Campbell motion

Jeff Luck seconded the motion.

Passed

***Training and exercises***

APX Programming Class, Public Safety EXPO May 10th

Armada Programming Class, Public Safety EXPO May 11th

NX/D1N Programming Class, Public Safety EXPO May 12th

***Old Business***

***Tower site updates***

Wallace/Five      Still gathering parts! Will be on air by end of summer.

Wileyville/Barker-Getting Road ready to get crane up to the site.

***NX/D1n radios***

Still having problems on Phase 2 TDMA

***APX Next***

Testing still being done.

***Area upgrades***

Mon County looking for an additional site location.

***ISSI connection***

Will be completed week of May 15<sup>th</sup>. Help being required by Moto Software support center.

## ***New Business***

### ***APX Software***

Current software R30.00.01, Firmware R30.00.01.bbf

### ***NX Software***

Current Software 5.01 and Firmware 5.01

### ***Armada Software***

Current Software 1.36.24

### ***Console Patches***

Started back May 10-11<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Paging***

Paging is permitted on SORN, County's responsibility to get working.

### ***Suspension***

Doug Cutlip is suspended as WVSORN programmer, he is now requesting to be reinstated as a programmer, he will have to reapply and approved by SIEC as programmer. Discussion followed.

### ***Scanning Problems***

APX in Elkins area shows signs of scanning problems on 29.00.02 firmware.

### ***Hancock County***

Back to working on Hancock County to try getting them on SORN.

### ***Ritchie/Doddridge 911***

John Dotson resigned from being director.

### ***Smart Connect***

Discussion about how it was tested in Wheeling Hospital.

## ***Good of the order***

Radio not working at NWS Pittsburgh Office, Lou taking care of! Shooting for August meeting to be held there!

## ***Adjournment***

Motion Tim Curry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Thomas-Passed





## Regional Interoperability Committee - Region 5

May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Greenbrier County 911 Center or Virtual  
Thursday, May 18, 2023 - 10:00 Hours

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:23 by RIC Chair John Zilinski – Late due to technical difficulties.

### **SIGN IN SHEET**

- **Present:** Cody Fortner, Theresa White, Kevin White, Mike Honaker, Jordan Clendenin, John Zilinski.
- **Virtual:** Stan Wilson, Robert Bowman, Tim Ellison, Brant Whitaker, Richard Filipek, Annette Taylor.
- A copy of the sign in sheet is attached for reference.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Motion By: Kevin White
- Seconded By: Jordan Clendenin
- Motion Carried

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Motion By: Cody Fortner
- Seconded By: Kevin White
- Motion Carried

### **TECHNICAL MEETING**

- Motorola updated to APX 30 for software but has not been tested yet. It is recommended to stay at 29 until further testing. 30.0.1 – Firmware and tuners. All others remain the same.
- Armada update 1.36.24 – Just had a programming class at the Public Safety Expo in Charleston.
- Master site patching continued last week. AIS issues with recording. Raleigh Co. lost approximately 12 hours of recorded traffic, WVSP experiences similar issues.
- TDMA still not functions statewide – mainly for Kenwood radios. – Bringing in technicians for patch or update. – Will be specific to Kenwood. Further information to come.
- Broadcast paging – several agencies testing this. Raleigh 911 uses broadcast paging and conventional paging simultaneously. Working with Whitesville Fire on paging issues. Some difficulties with paging on the MCC7500 console.

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

- Direct Connect Policy updated – changes to terminology for liability issues for the SIEC and the local agency.

## **TRAINING AND OUTREACH**

- Committee still working on the SCIP – Further updates to come.
- Richard Filipek and Cody Fortner were both approved at the last meeting for the Incident Communication Center Manager Course. Their task books were completed and approved.
- G-191 Class – June 13, 2023 in Summersville. June 15, 2023 in Buckhanon.
- AAIR Training possibly coming soon for all first responders for region 5. Class being held in Buckhanon June 11-14.
- Moulage class in Morgantown – June 15-16. \*\* Costs Associated \*\*
- ICS300/ICS400 class possibly coming soon

## **CONFERENCE**

- The SIRN Conference is September 24-28 at Camp Dawson. It was learned that the auditorium will be closed during this timeframe, which will cause some scheduling changes and issues. Conference classes were submitted from the group. The conference committee will be making decisions on those.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- Hinton Site – RFP was sent out for building constructions.
- Richwood Site – Frequencies still available. Some SIRN equipment is still needed. Mr. Zilinski will discuss further with Nicholas County.

## **CURRENT AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**

- AT&T iPhone 12 available at .99 and the iPhone 13 at \$34.99 if upgrading. Indoor cell boosters may be ending soon. FirstNet now offering pricing for family plans. AT&T can set up meetings with each individual agency to discuss with their employees if needed.

## **COUNTY / AGENCY NEWS**

- McDowell 911 – Nothing to report. Had no issues with the AIS from the previous patches.
- Wyoming 911 – Nothing to report.
- National Park Service – Nothing to report.
- Regional Command – Nothing to report.
- Nicholas County 911 – Nothing further to report besides what was discussed about the Richwood site.

- Raleigh 911 – Whitesville Fire project / paging as previously mentioned. Nothing further to report.
- Greenbrier 911 – Continuing to work on MCC7500 project. Nothing other to report.
- WVSP – Still no update on the radios from David Lord. Possibly will need sent to engineering, will get an update for next meeting.
- EMD – Spoke on additional trainings that are covered under training and outreach section.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- BSA coming in July. Most ops will be run out of Charleston. Nothing on-site or at Glen Jean Armory this year. Fayette and Raleigh County will run a joint command between the two counties. For the most part, National Guard will be handling everything else. Theresa White indicated that the number of participants will be quite smaller this year compared to previous years. Only 1 camp will be used. Large areas on the property won't be utilized as much. Communications Exercise will be held the first weekend in June. No offsite events are planned either.
- Band Festival will be going on around the same time as BSA in Buckhanon from June 16-24. Not sure the number of participants.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Zilinski indicated that he was continuing to review the by-laws.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Next meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10:00. National Park Service will host. Location TBD and will be announced at a later time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion By: Kevin White
- Seconded: Cody Fortner
- Motion Carried – Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 Hours

Meeting Transcribed by D. Cody Fortner, RIC 5 Recorder