



# West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> August 7, 2023	<b>Time:</b> 10:20	<b>Location:</b> RETI Flatwoods
Meeting Called To Order: Bobby Hoge		

## SIEC Membership & Participation

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

1	Bump, Paul		WV Zone 1 Switch Agency
2	Wriston, Jimmie		WV Department of Transportation
3	Channell, Fred	X	RIC 4 Chairman
4	Blosser, Travis		WV Municipal League
5	Spence, Josh		WV Office of Technology
6	Zilinski, John	X	RIC 5 Chairman
7	Miller, Jeffrey	Proxy – Tyrone Gore	WV Parkways Authority
8	Hart, Tom	Proxy – Tony Novel	RIC 2 Chairman
9	Tatum, Mike	Proxy – Bobby Hoge	WV E-911 Council
10	Chambers, Jack		WV State Police
11	McConnell, Dustyn		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	X	RIC 3 Chairman
17	Ratliff, Jody		WV Health & Human Resources
18	Saffel, Dave		APCO
19	Tyree, Ken		WV State Fire Marshal
20	Mccabe, GE	Proxy – Dustyn McConnell	WVDEM Director
21	Vargo, Lou		WV Zone 3 Switch Agency
22	Vititoe, Steve	X	RIC 6 Chairman
23	Rose, Richard		WV Emergency Management Council

## Non-SIEC Board Members Present

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

1	RC Faulk	X	Assistant SWIC
2	Fred Kinder	X	SIRN Tech
3	Greg Hendry	X	DEM
4	Brooke Hess	X	Technical & Conference
5	Mike Spangler	X	WV DNR Law Enforcement

Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:**      **Tony Novel**
- **Second:**     **Fred Channell**
- **Motion:**      **Passed**



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## Technical Committee Report – Bobby Hoge

- Jefferson County Commission committed \$1.5 million to develop a new RF site at the Shepherd Fire Department. Danny Kirby made motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Channel. Will be presented to SIEC during the meeting.
- Tony Novel reported that he believes a solution has been found for the Kenwood TDMA issue that was discovered following the upgrade. He has tested for 1 day with no issues and believes that the Kenwood radios should go back to Level 1 on the equipment list. Second by Danny Kirby. Discussion ensued if that was premature. Recommendation back to Level 1 will be presented to the SIEC committee. Motion was withdrawn for further discussion at the September Technical Committee meeting.
- David O'Brien reported that progress is being made on the Malden Fiber install for 48 pairs for Kanawha County to use as well as other interested parties. Installation being done by Frontier.
- Danny Kirby reported that Motorola is giving a free Avtec dispatch console set to the Bechtel Summit dispatch. Discussion ensued on the harm that would cause to the system and issues that would tie up all of the RF resources in the area. It was recommended that they pursue an Elite Dispatch direct connect system instead of an Avtec solution. This was informational at this time. There was also discussion of a desire to create a standing hard patch between the MotoTrbo system at the Summit and SIRN. A copy of the policy prohibiting this was given to Danny Kirby to relay back. Further discussion on BSA talkgroups is scheduled for the September meeting.
- New talkgroup creation requests for Epic Headstart and WV Tax Department were approved.
- Tony Novel made a motion and then withdrew it to approve SmartConnect. This will come back in the September meeting for additional discussion.

## **Important Technical Information**

<b>Channel ID Plan</b>	<b>3 FDMA No longer in use</b>	<b>4 FDMA</b>	<b>5 FDMA</b>	<b>6 TDMA</b>	<b>7 TDMA</b>
<b>Bandwidth</b>	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz
<b>Transmit Offset Sign</b>	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Transmit Offset MHz</b>	5 MHz	5 MHz	9 MHz	5 MHz	5 MHz
<b>Channel Spacing</b>	12.5 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz
<b>Base Frequency</b>	453.025 MHz	450MHz	400 MHz	450MHz	460MHz



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## **Important Kenwood Programming information (UPDATED 04/12/16):**

Check Background Hunt and RSSI CC Hunt

BER = 4.0 (default)

Hunt Start Time (Hunt) = 300

Hunt Start Time (Idle) = Not changeable version 2

Acceptable RSSI Level = -108 (default)

Good RSSI = -88 (default)

LM1 = 0 (default)

Home RFSS = FE

Home Site = FE

(FE disables the radio from trying to look for a Home RFSS and Home)

PTT Release Hunt = unchecked

Hunt Option > Slot = 99 (ensures all adjacent sites are searched)

Hunt Option > Sampling Rate = 7 (number of adjacent sites)

## **Cyber Security Sub-Committee Report – Danny Kirby**

- Nothing to report.

## **Policy and Procedures Committee Report – John Zilinski**

- Committee made updates to two policies listed below. Motion by John Zilinski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Novel that they be presented to the SIEC for approval.
  - Talkgroup use policy
  - Critical Connect and Kodiak policy

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

- Did not meet.

## **Conference Committee Report – RC Faulk**

- RC Faulk reported on current status of Conference prep.
- Committee reviewed and approved the latest draft of the agenda to be published to attendees to garner more registrations.
- RC Faulk reviewed current on-site planning at Camp Dawson due to construction and limitations that are in place now.



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- Registration numbers were reviewed.
- RC Faulk reported that all classes had verified instructors and that classroom assignments have been placed on the agenda.
- Roy McCallister reported on successful application for law enforcement CEU hours of 16.0 for attendees.

## **Planning Committee Report – Bobby Hoge**

- Clay County reported the tower is ready to ship.
- Hinton construction bid underway and the equipment shelter has been moved forward.
- AEP still wants to know what the State's intention is with Horsepen.
- Motorola proposed replacing Lick with a three-site simulcast cell.
- Aviat advised microwave for Lost City in Hardy County will arrive October 2023.
- The State will not pay Premier Construction to evaluate the Richwood site. The RIC advised Nicholas County that they could pay for that to move the project along; they declined to assist.
- Wallace is complete and on the air.
- Danny Kirby reported that the Cadell tower is falling apart and will need an action plan to fix it. The State overloaded it with their dishes and that has caused the tower to go into a twisting motion. Danny Kirby reported he believes the Preston County 911 Center will submit a tower fund grant.

## **New & Emerging Technologies – Paul Bump**

- Nothing to report.
- DJ Sigmon advised nothing to report from FirstNet.

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

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

- Last met on July 11, 2023 at Ripley VFD.



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- Jeremy Jones from the Forestry service reported ordering issues with the Forestry Service lawyer and Motorola. Mike Spangler advised he would reach out for assistance to Jeremy.
- The FBI asked what the States intentions were for Lick and Horsepen. Answer at this time is undetermined.

## **RIC Region 2 Report – Tom Hart**

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

- Will be having a virtual meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August with no in person meeting this month.

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

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

- Meeting was canceled.

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

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

- Last met on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Flatwoods RETI in conjunction with the Region 4 EMA meeting.
- Discussed lingering issues in Barbour County related to past programmers.
- It was reported that Lewis County is moving the ambulance service to SIRN.
- Pocahontas County is working on erecting a tower capable of supporting SIRN.
- Webster County asked about the distributed survey. No one was aware of what it was. It originated from the Cabinet Secretary Office but the content and results are currently not known.
- The next meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Randolph County 911.

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

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

- Last met on July 13<sup>th</sup> in Summers County.
- John Zilinski reported on the paging setup RC Faulk created for conventional P25 paging for Whitesville VFD.



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- The RIC discussed the previous SIEC meeting.
- The by-laws are currently being revised and plan for a final review and adoption at the September meeting.
- Next meeting is at the Nicholas 911 Center on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Next meeting is August 31<sup>st</sup> at Lincoln County 911.

## **Business Conducted**

- Technical Committee recommends approval of the request for new talkgroups for Epic Headstart and WV Tax Commission; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Novel; Motion passed.
- Technical Committee recommends approval of the proposed site at Shepards Fire Department; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Vititoe; Motion passed.
- Policy Committee recommends approval of two policy updates as reviewed by the committee for Critical Connect with Kodiak and Talkgroup Use and Restrictions; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Novel; Motion passed.
- Next meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Flatwoods RETI.

Meeting adjournment.

- **Motion:**       **Danny Kirby**
- **Second:**      **Tony Novel**
- **Motion:**       **Passed**