



West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-13-2023	Time: 13:25	Location: 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	CC Proxy – Pat Shea	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	CC Proxy – Tyrone Gore	WV Parkways Authority
8	Hart, Tom	Proxy – Tom Hart	RIC 2 Chairman
9	Tatum, Mike	Proxy – Bob 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 – Alex Rayburn	WV National Guard
14	Howard, Tom		WV Sheriff's Association
15	Cadle, Pat		WV County Commission Association
16	Polczynski, Jeff		RIC 3 Chairman
17	Ratliff, Jody	Proxy – Jason Rucker	WV Health & Human Resources
18	Saffel, Dave	X	APCO
19	Tyree, Ken	Proxy – Bobby Palmer	WV State Fire Marshal
20	Mccabe, GE	CC	WVDEM Director
21	Vargo, Lou	CC	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency
22	Vititoe, Steve	X	RIC 6 Chairman
23	Rose, Richard	CC Proxy – Justin Wolfe	WV Emergency Management Council

Non-SIEC Board Members Present

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1	RC Faulk	X	Assistant SWIC
2	Jeff Perry	X	Emergency Management
3	Nathan Sayre	X	WVSP
4	Fred Kinder	X	SIRN
5	Brooke Hess	X	Loudoun Co Fire/Rescue
6	Jim Mangus	X	RIC 1
7	Dirk Burnside	X	Technical
8	David O'Brien	CC	Kanawha 911
9	Steven Singer	CC	CISA/ECD



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Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:** Tony Novell
- **Second:** Roy McCallister
- **Motion:** Passed

Technical Committee Report – Dave Saffel

- Programming
 - Current Versioning –
 - Motorola **APX 31.00.01** - MEGA Firmware **R31.02.00 2023.2 Feature Release**
 - **APX Tuner – R31.00.00 2023.2 Feature Release**
 - Motorola APX Next - **04.82.00 2023.2 Feature Release**
 - 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 5.11- fixes TDMA
 - Armada - **1.40.19**
- System Managers Report – October 2023
 - Calls = 3,189,469
 - Busy = 14,623
 - PTT = 3,865,186
- Radio System Keys – Software/Hardware/Combination
 - Tabled to be discussed at a future meeting.
- BK Technology is requesting changes based on statements from, not based on testing the radios to the results they say we would find IF we had radios equipped as they stated. As we returned the radios after testing, we cannot confirm or deny that the radios would/could pass testing. In addition, a statement of channel capacity was NOT what was tested as we had never seen that many channels in a radio at that point. If BK Technologies would like to send us the radios, we would subject them to new testing and consider the changes they desire.
- BKR9000 new radio – A problem occurred with a radio where it responded to a Site Trunking event. When the Site Trunking event ended, the radio did NOT come on line. The problem was investigated and the Channel ID list had been totally repopulated with



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- New Programming Instructors – Approved by the Technical Committee
 - Brooke Hess - APX Instructor
 - David O'Brien – Armada Instructor

- Change approved equipment list for more than radio's
 - Insert the following paragraph - Connected applications and services - The West Virginia SIEC also takes notice of the new forms of technology that supplement or augment the traditional Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system. These forms of technology come in many forms with interconnectivity ranging from directly connected infrastructure, broadband, and donor radios to name a few. As new technology opportunities are made available to the SIEC, each will be tested, and results will be reported. No connected app or service is considered to be a life safety initiative that fully replaces a traditional radio subscriber unit. The list of connected apps and services listed below are the only ones that have been tested and approved for use on or in conjunction with the traditional SIRN LMR system.
 - Motion to approve – Jim Mangus, Second by Fred Kinder - Approved

- New TG for WV Wesleyan College Security Dispatch
 - Motion Jim Mangus, Second Tony Novel – Approved

- Smart Connect Universal SSID
 - Discussed a common SSID and Key across the state. Information will be available from the SWIC.

- Upshur County has been working to move for better console connections – They now desire to add a control station at Lost Creek with a yagi antenna. The technical committee does not object to this, pending approval from Harrison County that owns the site. However, a written proposal will need to be presented to the technical committee to fully know the plan and provide final approval following Harrison County approval.

- Discussed Motorola WAVE console positions.

Cyber Security Sub-Committee Report – Danny Kirby

- Did not meet

Policy and Procedures Committee Report – John Zilinski

- Updated Policies were approved for posting:
 - Issue Reporting
 - Personal Subscriber Units
 - Cache Radio Equipment



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- Talkgroup Activation

Training/Education/Outreach Committee Report – Roy McCallister

- Committee reported on the RADO class that was held at the APC Conference; overall report was a good class.
- RC Faulk recommended everyone to review and provide feedback on the SCIP draft. All feedback was to go to RC Faulk who will coordinate with the SCIP team.

Conference Committee Report – Steve Vititoe

- Committee reviewed conference feedback
- Committee reviewed and recommended increase in vendor sponsorship packages
 - Committee recommend; 2nd Fred Channell, passed
- Camp Dawson advised that basic lodging fees have increased for Conference 2024
- Discussed programmer training and the number of days to allot to that.
- Discussed the lack of attendance at the Thursday lunch and the cost of that lunch if that was viable to continue or not having a Thursday lunch.
- Also discussed setting up Conference 2024 as an Operational Table Top so that personnel can accomplish checkoffs on there PTB's.

Planning Committee Report – Bobby Hoge

- Application update for Upshur County to add West Virginia Wesleyan College.

New & Emerging Technologies – Paul Bump

- Did not meet

RIC Region 1 Report – Roy McCallister

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

- Next meeting is November 16, 2023 at Ripley VFD.



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RIC Region 2 Report – Tom Hart

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

- Minutes are attached.

RIC Region 3 Report – Jeff Polczynski

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

- Next meeting is December 6, 2023.

RIC Region 4 Report – Fred Channel

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

- Last met on October 12, 2023.
- Members discussed tower light repairs and a suggested transit issue at the Gilmer location. Fred Kinder reported he may have to retune the combiner at the site.
- Pendleton County continues to work with the quiet zone staff on transmit power levels and what would be allowed.
- The next meeting is not yet scheduled.

RIC Region 5 Report – John Zilinski

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

- Next meeting is November 16, 2023.

RIC Region 6 Report – Steve Vititoe

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Next meeting is November 15, 2023 at Cabell County 911.

Business Conducted

- Technical Committee recommends approval of the two new SIRN programmer instructors; Second by Fred Channell; Approved.
- Technical Committee recommends approval of the dispatch talkgroup for Wesleyan College; Second by Tony Novell; Approved.



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- Policy Committee recommends approval and posting of updates to the Talkgroup Activation, Issue Reporting, Cache Radio and Personal Subscriber Units policies; Second by Fred Channell; Approved.
- Next meeting is December 11th, 2023 at RETI Flatwoods.

Meeting adjournment.

- **Motion:** Roy McCallister
- **Second:** Fred Channell
- **Motion:** Passed

**WV Homeland Security Region 2
Regional Interoperability Committee (RIC) Meeting
Thursday November 9, 2023
Marshall County EOC**

There were 12 committee members in attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes were presented by Tony Novel. Motion by Lou Vargo to approve the minutes & seconded by Steve Yoho. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Wetzel/Wileyville-Report from Steve Yoho. Tower up, antennas ordered, DC Power Plant there and looking for equipment racks;
- Wetzel County to apply for grants for equipment for Wileyville Tower;
- Equipment pricing for tower sites: Consider to talk with other counties to try & get bundle packages to get better pricing on equipment;
- ISSI Switch between Ohio, Marshall & Belmont Counties: Marshall County used it once so far & worked well; there were some small glitches;
- Bethany College: Approved by SIEC for Talk Group; new talk groups need to be approved by SIEC;
- Kenwood NX/D1N radios working on TDM with 5.11 update;
- Licenses emissions need upgraded with 9K80D7W for TDMA transmissions.

New Business

- Software & firmware updates for both Kenwood & Motorola have been released;
- Discussion to update BY Laws to include virtual meetings. Tom Hart will modify and they will be distributed for review.
- Universal SSID and password for Smartconnect will need to be established;
- CKR 99 is to be used for encrypted regional channels;
- WVSP: 9001 talk group Troop 1 Dispatch
- Bethany Pike Fire Department in Brooke County was decertified. Dustyn ask for a letter from Brooke County stating that, and their radio ID's will be shut off.
- Nominations were open again for RIC 2 officers;
Chairman, Tom Hart previous
Vice Chair, Tony Novel previous
Recorder, Tim Curry was nominated by Tony Campbell.

Good of the RIC

- SIRN Conference 2024 will be held September 22-26;
- Jason Wright questioned rather Weirton PD had a channel WVSP could talk to them on since they are currently Mototrbo, did not have an answer for him!

Next Meeting; TBA