



West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 5-11-2026	Time: 1400	Location: RETI & Online
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SIEC Membership & Participation

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

Mangus, Jim	X	RIC 1 Chairman
Novel, Tony	X	RIC 2 Chairman
Jenkins, Mike	CC	RIC 3 Chairman
Tice, Brandon		RIC 4 Chairman
Gianato, Adam	CC	RIC 5 Chairman
Vititoe, Steve	X	RIC 6 Chairman
Saffel, Dave	X	WV APCO
Cadle, Pat		WV County Commission Association
Blackwood, Matt		WV DEM Director Acting
Rumbaugh, Stephen	CC Proxy – Pat Shea	WV Department of Transportation
White, Mikyle	CC Proxy – Loyd Lowry	WV E-911 Council
Willis, BJ	CC	WV Emergency Management Council
Ratliff, Jody		WV Health & Human Resources
Blosser, Travis		WV Municipal League
Seward, James	Proxy – Danny Kirby	WV National Guard
Abbott, Heather		WV Office of Technology
Smith, Chuck	Proxy – Tyrone Gore	WV Parkways Authority
Howard, Tom		WV Sheriff's Association
Tyree, Ken		WV State Fire Marshal
Mitchell, Jim		WV State Police
McConnell, Dustyn	X	WV SWIC
Bump, Paul	CC	WV Zone 1 Switch Agency
Vargo, Lou		WV Zone 3 Switch Agency

Additional Participants

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

RC Faulk	CC	Assistant SWIC
Richard Rose	CC	EMC
Greg Hendry	X	EMD
Tome Hart	CC	RIC 2
Bob Hoge	CC	Historian
Adam Layne	CC	DOT
Ethan Whisenant	X	WVSP
Dirk Burnside	X	Technical
Steven Singer	X	CISA



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Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:** Tony Novel
- **Second:** Jim Mangus
- **Motion:** Passed

Technical Committee Report

- Programming
 - Current Versioning –
 - Motorola APX CPS R38.00.70 2025.3 Feature Release – 01/20/2026
 - FW R38.02.00 2025.3 Feature Release– 01/20/2026
 - Motorola APX Next – APX NEXT 4G LTE + 5G FW R38.20.00 2025.3– 01/20/2026
 - Motorola APX Next - APX NEXT 4G LTE FW R38.04.00 2025.3 – 01/20/2026
 - Motorola APX N70 – APX N70 FW R38.21.00 2025.3 Feature Release– 01/20/2026
 - Motorola APX N70 – APX N70 R37.03.00 2025.2 Feature Release – 09/12/2025
 - **Motorola APX7000(AN)**
 - 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 5.30** (NX-5X00 & 30 Series)–**Firmware 5.31**
 - Armada - **1.48.11** –
 - RES – BKR9000 – **5.11.10**
 - Tait – **3.07.04** - **03/11/2026**
 - L3Harris -
- Test
 - Harris –XL-95 –
 - Motorola Next XN – Waiting for radios from Motorola
 - Motorola N30
 - Icom – IC-F7510 – Still waiting for LLA cables to finish testing
- Ham radio on Putnam Tower – ASR is in the name of SIRN. Tower appears to be owned by Putnam County. There is no shelter for their equipment to be in so there needs to be some additional information from them. The Technical Committee will also prepare a policy for Amateur Radio.
- As of April 1, 2026, Marshall County has caused all of their channels to be encrypted with ADP encryption. They changed their dispatch talkgroup to other than their original dispatch, but their dispatch is still encrypted. This is contrary to SIRN policy created to encourage interoperability in the system. After a lengthy discussion several suggestions have been made. This will be addressed in future meetings.



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- Hampshire County has ordered equipment to provide a connection in schools using a device that is LTE/WIFI. Make a motion to approve by Fred Kinder, Second by Dan Kirby. Approved.
- SIRN techs noticed a problem where changes had been made in site routers that caused an alarm. SIRN techs found the problem, found a port that was turned on that shouldn't have been. A site router was plugged in to a switch that was attempted to be plugged into another switch. Other than unplugging the unknown switch, nothing else has been changed to protect digital evidence. On the WAN side of the router, someone had gotten an inexpensive unmanaged switch that split the output of the router into two places. This is ongoing issue and no change will be made at this time.
- PIN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS: A discovery was made in Webster County from testing the Kenwood Version 10 radios regarding roaming. The following:
 - Hunt Option > Slot = 99 (ensures all adjacent sites are searched)
 - They discovered that the 99 entry caused problems and recommend at this time to change that to 10. They have found a significant improvement in the operation of the Kenwood Model 10 Version 2 & 3 radios with this change.
 - Another suggestion would be to try the following:
 - Acceptable RSSI Level = -108 (default)
 - Suggest changing this level to -120

Important Technical Information

Channel ID Plan	3 FDMA No longer in use	4 FDMA	5 FDMA	6 TDMA	7 TDMA	8 TDMA
Bandwidth	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5kHz
Transmit Offset Sign	±	+	+	+	+	+
Transmit Offset MHz	5 MHz	5 MHz	9 MHz	5 MHz	5 MHz	9 MHz
Channel Spacing	12.5 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz
Base Frequency	453.025 MHz	450MHz	400 MHz	450MHz	460MHz	400MHz

Cyber Security Sub-Committee Report

- Did not meet.

Policy and Procedures Committee Report

- Did not meet.



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Training/Education/Outreach Committee Report

- Putnam County AuxComm course is complete and finalizing the agenda.

Conference Committee Report – Steve Vitito

- RC Faulk reviewed the updates for breaks and meals at Camp Dawson and will finalize that with the Dawson contract.
- RC Faulk reviewed the agenda with the group in its current format and several updates were made and topics were filled in. The agenda draft will be updated and a new draft sent out to the Conference for review. Also discussed filling in the agenda with personnel for the programming courses.

Planning Committee Report

- Had nothing to report.

New & Emerging Technologies

- Did not meet.

RIC Region 1 Report

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

- Last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is June 18 @ Ripley VFD at 10am.

RIC Region 2 Report

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

- Next meeting is May 21, 2026 at MECCA at 10am.

RIC Region 3 Report

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

- Had not met since the last SIEC meeting.
- June 18 at Morgan 911 is the next meeting.



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RIC Region 4 Report

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

- Nothing reported.

RIC Region 5 Report

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

- Met on April 16 at Monroe County.
- Discussed Harris radio issues at the Health Department.
- Discussed Jamboree consoles and comms.
- Next meeting on May 14th at Nicholas County.

RIC Region 6 Report

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Last met virtually with low attendance.
- Discussed changes to the AEL and the RIC 5 communication drill.
- Next meeting is June 25th at 10am with a location TBA.

Business Conducted

- Technical Committee recommends approval of the WiFi/LTE interconnect for the schools; Second by Tony Novel; approved.
- June meeting is cancelled.
- Next meeting:
 - o **Date:** July 13, 2026
 - o **Location:** RETI

Meeting adjournment.

- **Motion:** Jim Mangus
- **Second:** Danny Kirby
- **Motion:** Passed