West Virginia
Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-13-2026	Time: 1300	Location: RETI

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	X	RIC 5 Chairman
Vititoe, Steve		RIC 6 Chairman
Saffel, Dave	X	WV APCO
Cadle, Pat		WV County Commission Association
Blackwood, Matt		WV DEM Director Acting
Rumbaugh, Stephen	CC Proxy – Patrick Shea	WV Department of Transportation
White, Mikyle	Proxy – Loyd Lowry	WV E-911 Council
Willis, BJ	Proxy – Richard Rose	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		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		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
Jerry Warner	CC	WV MedComm Charleston
Ethan Whisenant	X	WVSP
Steven Singer	X	CISA
Fred Kinder	CC	Technical

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Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:** **Jim Mangus**
- **Second:** **Loyd Lowry**
- **Motion:** **Passed**

Technical Committee Report

- Programming
  - Current Versioning –
    - Motorola **APX CPS R40.00.01 2026.2 Feature Release with RM– 09/01/26**
      - **FW APX R40.05.00 2026.2 Feature Release – 08/31/26**
    - Motorola APX Next – **APX NEXT FW R40.05.00 2026.2 Feature Release– 08/31/26**
    - Motorola APX N70 – **APX N70 FW R40.05.00 2026.2 Feature Release– 08/31/26**
    - 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 5.31 (NX-5X00 & 30 Series)–Firmware 6.03
    - Armada - 1.48.17 **–** 07/28/26
    - RES **5.15.0** – BKR9000 – **5.13.1**
    - Tait – **3.08.07 – 07/28/26**
    - L3Harris -

- Test
  - Harris –XL-95 –
  - Motorola Next XN – Waiting for radios from Motorola

- If programming APX with versions after 38, they do not always handle the radio ID's properly. If you attempt to read them from a radio at programming, sometimes they read them, sometimes they do not. PAY ATTENTION as you attempt to program.

- Charleston Med Base are requesting a statewide talkgroup that would have statewide usage. This would be used for transports from one hospital to another. After lengthy discussion, we had a motion to table from Bobby Hoge, and a second by Danny Kirby. Passed.

- Tower at Mason being taken down and looking for another site.

- We need to create an Armada Advanced Course. I will be working on it.

- Marshall University PD has requested an additional talkgroup. They are purchasing 16 new radios. It has been suggested that they could make this talkgroup TDMA when programming. Motion by Danny Kirby, Second by Tony Novel. No objections

- Army Corps of Engineers requesting knowledge of their authority to access SIRN. They do not have any specific talkgroups approved from their original request 13 years ago. It was decided that we need more information regarding sites, radio quantity, types of transmissions they might have and report back to us next month.

- Tyler County & Pleasants County have requested a Data channel between them. Mark can do that. Motion by Jim Mangus, Second by Tony Novel. No opposition

- Kevin Bowers of MCA has requested to have two radios in the that could be used for demo use for pre-sale. We have had other vendors request this subject. Committee had a discussion.

- Aaron Neely has requested for an Amateur site to be located at Flat Top/Bald Knob tower site, owned by the Parkways Authority. The tower is already heavily loaded and no more room is available. Motion by Tony, Second Loyd.

- We are going to need to have policy regarding construction in West Virginia that would be impacted by the fire code that we believe is going to be implemented shortly.

- Pleasants County has requested to install permanent patches for two channels. The required policy mandates that permanent patches can be taken down at any time. We are tabling this request pending more information. Motion by Jim Mangus, Second by Danny Kirby. No opposition.

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.

Training/Education/Outreach Committee Report

- COML workbook presented from Danny Kirby; Motion to approve by Jim Mangus, 2nd by Tony Novel; passed.

Conference Committee Report – Steve Vititoe

- RC Faulk provided feedback for members to review. Feedback was discussed.
- RC Faulk will explore other locations for the Conference in 2027 and will report back on location information at the Conference 2027.

Planning Committee Report

- Did not meet.

New & Emerging Technologies

- Did not meet.

RIC Region 1 Report
Kanawha, Clay, Putnam, Jackson, Roane, Calhoun, Ritchie, Wirt, Wood, and Pleasant

- Last met at the Conference and notes attached from the RIC 1/2 combo meeting.
- November 19th is the next meeting tentatively set for Ripley VFD.

RIC Region 2 Report
Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler, Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor

- Minutes attached.

RIC Region 3 Report
Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Berkeley, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan

- Nothing to report this month.

RIC Region 4 Report
Pocahontas, Pendleton, Webster, Randolph, Tucker, Barbour, Upshur, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis

- Minutes attached.

RIC Region 5 Report
Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming, Raleigh, Summers, Monroe, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Fayette

- Last met at the Conference for a quick meeting but nothing extra to report.
- Next meeting is October 28th at Summer 911 Center.

RIC Region 6 Report
Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Last met at the Conference but nothing to report.
- Efforts are ongoing to increase RIC involvement.

Business Conducted

- Training committee recommends approval of the COML workbook for Danny Kirby; 2nd by Tony Novel, passed.
- Technical Committee recommended tabling the Charleston MedBase talkgroup request; 2nd by Jim Mangus; motion approved.
- Technical Committee recommends a TDMA only talkgroup for exclusive use of Marshall University Police Admin; 2nd by Jim Mangus; motion passed.
- Technical Committee agrees with the ethernet circuit for Tyler and Pleasants 911 centers.
- An application for Mr. Neeley accessing the Flattop tower was denied due to overloading; 2nd by Ethan Wisenant; motion passed.
- Pleasants County asked for a permanent patch between two channels, but was tabled; 2nd by Tony Novel; motion passed.
- Next meeting:
  - **Date: November 9, 2026**
  - **Location: Flatwoods & Online**

Meeting adjournment.

- **Motion:** **Jim Mangus**
- **Second:** **Dave Saffel**
- **Motion:** **Passed**

RIC 2 Minutes

Regional 1 & 2 Meeting

9/29/2026 – Camp Dawson Kingwood, WV 26537

Attendance 33 present

- Meeting called order at 10:30 am by T Novel in Auditorium
- Minutes from the previous meeting, unanimously approved by a motion, Mike Fortney motioned, D Pizer seconded the motion. No corrections.
- Training- Federal Com T in Washington DC October 19,2026 if interested.

- Old Business
    - Wileyville -Premier installing antennas this week. Waiting on rectifiers and batteries for 48 volt power plant to power GTR's. AC distribution Panels will be utilized.
    - Cadel-Hoping to stack steel before snow flies!
    - Update from WVU Police on the coverage issue they had. Thanks to everyone that helped facilitate that correction.
    - Issue between OHI/MSH with the ISSI has been corrected.
    - Motorola N30 approved at level 3.
    - Bearcom status has been resolved, back to business!
    - Motorola Next XN still needs tested.

- New Business
    - The software and firmware updates were given.
    - IMPORTANCE OF BAND PLANS PROGRAMMED IN SUBSCRIBER UNITS THAT ARE TDMA CAPABLE. (Dynamic dual mode enabled in system)
    - John Hatfield gave update on CentralE911 microwave update and planning for updated VHF system.
    - I gave a report on the Ohio County's last mile and Belmont ISSI connection issue.
    - Andrew Rouse gave update on Kanawha Zetron simulcast back up system. New tower at Clendenin. VHF analog w/new microwave system.
    - Policy for console testing will be developed.
    - MECCA and HARRISON are currently running AXS consoles.
    - New policy for Amateur Radio equipment being placed on SIRN towers.
    - Development of a call channel for all 911 centers, Statewide for resources.
    - Questioning a need to be able to shed non essential ID's (radio traffic) during Emergencies to get so of the load off the system.

- Good of the order
    - WVSIRN Conference dates 2027-September 19-24.

- Don’t forget about backup plans for you PSAP.

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- Next Meetings-TBA
- Meeting adjournment-Scott motion, J Rentfrow seconded and motion passed.

RIC4 Meeting

09/29/2026

Present: Rob Daman, Rick Gillespie, Mike O'Brien, Ben Stout, Corey Brandon, Dylan Harper, Alex Cheuvront, David Saffel, Paxton Grant, Evan Teter, Richard Rose, Andy Seabolt, Josh Williams, James Bower

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Rick Gillespie at 10:33 hrs.

Minutes from previous meeting in march 2026.

SIEC Updates:

- Version and Firmware updates discussed.

NRQZ updates discussed.

Discussion held on the installation of StarLink on the Trunk Trailer.

No further business or discussion to be held.

Date of next meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 hrs.