



West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 2021	Time: 14:40	Location: Teams
Meeting Called To Order: Bobby Hoge		

SIEC Membership & Participation

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

1	Bump, Paul	CC	WV Zone 1 Switch Agency
2	White, Byrd		WV Department of Transportation
3	Channell, Fred	CC	RIC 4 Chairman
4	Dooley, Lisa		WV Municipal League
5	Spence, Josh		WV Office of Technology
6	Zilinski, John	CC	RIC 5 Chairman
7	Miller, Jeffrey		WV Parkways Authority
8	Hart, Tom	Proxy – Tom Hart	RIC 2 Chairman
9	Tatum, Mike	Proxy – Bobby Hoge	WV E-911 Council
10	Cahill, Jan		WV State Police
11	Neal, David	CC	WV SWIC
12	McCallister, Roy	CC	RIC 1 Chairman
13	Crane, Bill	Proxy – Alex Rayburn	WV National Guard
14	Stephens, Steve		WV Sheriff's Association
15	Piercy, Jennifer		WV County Commission Association
16	Polczynski, Jeff		RIC 3 Chairman
17	Mills, Michael		WV Health & Human Resources
18	Saffel, Dave	Proxy – RC Faulk	APCO
19	Tyree, Ken	Proxy – Bobby Palmer	WV State Fire Marshal
20	Mccabe, GE	Proxy – Bobby Hoge	WVDEM Director
21	Vargo, Lou		WV Zone 3 Switch Agency
22	Vititoe, Steve	CC	RIC 6 Chairman
23	Meadows, Dean	Proxy – Justin Wolfe	WV Emergency Management Council

Non-SIEC Board Members Present

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1	RC Faulk	CC	Assistant SWIC
2	Tom Gagnon	CC	CISA/ECD
3	Jim Mangus	CC	RIC 1
4	Dustyn McConnel	CC	Harrison County EMS
5	Michael Spangler	CC	WV DNR Law
6	Dirk Burnside	CC	RIC 4
7	DJ Sigman	CC	FirstNet Team
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Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:** Fred Channell
- **Second:** Steve Vititoe
- **Motion:** Passed

Technical Committee Report – Dave Saffel

- 1 Year Stats (June 3, 2020 – 2021)
 - Total Calls = 21,578,914
 - Talk Duration = 61,166:30:21
 - Total Busy = 34,885
 - Total PTT's = 40,412, 079
- May Stats
 - Total Calls = 2,056,517
 - Talk Duration = 5,577:42:06
 - Total Busy = 3,711
 - Total PTT's = 3,802,417
- Pendleton County is reporting a number of APX1000 radio's that quite trunking and have to be sent back to Motorola for depot repair. RC Faulk asked for additional details on what the fix is. No one in the group had additional feedback on this.
- Kanawha County 911 cutover to Elite Dispatch at both primary and alternate PSAP is complete and successful. Kanawha is also looking to run fiber to the Malden site for redundant links when SIRN gets to ethernet site links with coordination with Mark Smith.
- Update to Tyler Co 911/Amateur repeater
 - Repeater will be owned by private individual and licensed to that person not the county.
 - Repeater will be operated in analog mode and open to those who need to use it.
 - Amateurs at Preston and Harrison County do not have gear in the buildings used by SIRN equipment, but use the tower.
 - *The recommendation is that the amateurs may use the tower to hang antenna's on after entering into an MOU (Preston as a template) with the State and then the equipment would need to be installed in a separate housing outside of the SIRN equipment building.*
 - **Committee recommends allowing them to place an antenna on the tower, not allow them inside the equipment shed, enter into an MOU with the State based on the Preston County amateur template, and provide for their own equipment housing. Second by Fred Channell; passed.**



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- Barbour County is looking to upgrade the 911 Center to Elite Dispatch direct connects. Motorola and RC Faulk have advised the county to reach out to the SIEC.
- The APXNext radio is starting to come into the State. Previous attempts to test the radio were unsuccessful. Fred Kinder is going to reach out to some radio technicians who currently have it and ask about its programming.
- The work at Catherines is underway. Will be late fall before an equipment shed is available and the movement back to the original site will be delayed beyond late fall. The STA extension has been filed and as of this morning is still pending.
- Motorola has been working on completing the PSAP console check-ups.
- Motorola has completed the updates to the three master sites.
- This week the TDMA plan will be deployed because of the hold ups from all the updates going on.
- The Critical Connect component of the upgrade was tested and verified. Policy will be worked on this afternoon to begin a policy for its use.
- Webster County received a broadband grant to provide broadband at several areas where State sites currently exist. David Neal escorted a group of personnel from Citinet/DoubleRadius so they could evaluate selected sites. David Neal will report as the progress continues on.

Policy and Procedures Committee Report – John Zilinski

- Committee prepared draft policy for:
 - non-State sponsored ASR sites
 - Critical Connect
 - Direct Connect dispatch sites.
- All notes will be incorporated in a final draft for review and presented for vote at the July 2021 SIEC meeting.



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Training/Education/Outreach Committee Report – RC Faulk

- Incident Communication Center Course has 6 of the 15 spots filled with confirmed prerequisites
- The eFOG is completed and should be in the app stores within a few weeks
- RC Faulk is working to complete the FEMA COML position task book and requested an exemption from the current SIRN policy, due to COVID, to use an event more than 12 months prior
 - **Committee makes the recommendation; Fred Channell second; Passed**

Conference Committee Report – RC Faulk

- Committee recommends moving forward with in person conference this year at Camp Dawson.
- RC Faulk will reach out to Camp Dawson staff for appropriate paper work.
- RC Faulk will also reach out to West Virginia interactive for online registration.
- It was decided that the Conference Committee will be needing to meet outside of the normal SIEC meeting

Planning Committee Report – Bobby Hoge

- Application update for Mason County to add Rio Grande Ohio VFD
- Site Updates
 - Hinton – tower contract should be finalized; will require construction bid
 - Dingess – equipment list submitted to AEP for approval
 - Richwood – working on SIRN equipment
 - Horsepen – SWIC will be contacting POCA Royalties about a lease
 - Princeton – due diligence in progress; business frequencies approved; advertising for tower contractor; looking at DC power; Microwave upgrade for the 9-1-1 Center and move the old to SIRN
 - Valley – going to build at the old Verizon Microwave site; that has the best access and power is there
 - Malden – fortifying site with a possible new tower provided by the FBI
 - Confidence – Putnam County; Frank Chapman opening bids on 6/24/2021; KRT is assisting with frequencies; Have a contract for shelters.
 - Clover – nothing reported



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New & Emerging Technologies – Paul Bump

- Next Generation 911 is starting to become more prevalent as vendors are working their way in to the State
- DJ Sigman provided AT&T/FirstNet updates
- DJ Sigman also spoke on the compact rapid deployment unit

RIC Region 1 Report – Roy McCallister

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

- Last met on May 20, 2021
- Discussed KRT auditing their talkgroups
- Discussed Confidence tower site in Putnam County
- Discussed Belleville
- Jim Mangus advised that Kanawha is replacing the Cross Lanes and county Malden Site.

RIC Region 2 Report – Tom Hart

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

- Have not met

RIC Region 3 Report – Jeff Polczynski

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

- Nothing reported

RIC Region 4 Report – Fred Channel

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

- Next meeting scheduled at Barbour County 911 on June 23, 2021 @ 10am



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RIC Region 5 Report – John Zilinski

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

- Last met on May 13, 2021 at Fayette 911
- Discussed previous meeting content
- Discussed Greenbrier County working on a microwave path alignment issue
- Several counties in the RIC are looking at upgrading to new Motorola consoles

RIC Region 6 Report – Steve Vititoe

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Next meeting may be late July or early August

Business Conducted

None

Meeting adjournment.

- **Motion:** **Jim Mangus**
- **Second:** **Steve Vititoe**
- **Motion:** **Passed**