



# West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> 1-10-2022	<b>Time:</b> 14:45	<b>Location:</b> On-line
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	White, Byrd	Proxy – Patrick Shea	WV Department of Transportation
3	Channell, Fred	CC	RIC 4 Chairman
4	Dooley, Lisa	Proxy – Dave Erwin	WV Municipal League
5	Spence, Josh	Proxy – James Dixon	WV Office of Technology
6	Zilinski, John	CC	RIC 5 Chairman
7	Miller, Jeffrey		WV Parkways Authority
8	Hart, Tom	CC	RIC 2 Chairman
9	Tatum, Mike	Proxy – Bobby Hoge	WV E-911 Council
10	Cahill, Jan	Proxy – Chris Shrader	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	CC	RIC 3 Chairman
17			WV Health & Human Resources
18	Saffel, Dave	CC	APCO
19	Tyree, Ken	Proxy – Bobby Palmer	WV State Fire Marshal
20	Mccabe, GE	CC	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	Bill Wood	CC	SIRN
3	Dustyn McConnell	CC	Harrison County EMS
4	Fred Kinder	CC	SIRN
5	Michael Spangler	CC	WVDNR
6	DJ Sigman	CC	AT&T Team
7	Lori Stone	CC	FirstNet Responder Authority
8	Jim Mangus	CC	
9	Jeff Perry	CC	
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Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:** Dave Saffel
- **Second:** Tony Novell
- **Motion:** Passed

## Technical Committee Report – Dave Saffel

- Programming
  - Current Versioning –
    - Motorola APX 26.00.00 - MEGA Firmware 26.03.00 ←as of 12/21/2021
      - **Firmware note** – Do NOT use 23.02.00 when there is a **HARDWARE** ADP encryption board present. If there is any doubt, do NOT use this firmware.
      - **APX Tuner – R22.00.00 (Released November 2020)**
    - 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 4.51 (NX-5X00 & 30 Series)–Firmware 4.51
- System Managers Report
  - Stats For December
    - Calls = 2,102,692
    - Busy = 4,529
    - PTT's = 3,518,453
  - Stats for 2021
    - Calls = 24,401,337
    - Busy = 48,802
    - PTT's = 44,565,767
    - System Reliability = 99.8904%
    - Talk time = 71,002 hours, 37 minutes, 12 seconds
  - Top three busiest months for call traffic at repeater sites:
    - #1) August
    - #2) October
    - #3) March



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## Top 10 sites for “calls”

1	Coal	2,858,552
2	Malden	2,474,760
3	Garfield	2,331,000
4	Barkers	1,939,767
5	Porters	1,908,031
6	Rotary	1,741,943
7	Bald	1,631,909
8	Kopperston	1,477,885
9	Lick	1,446,389
10	Building 5	1,429,479

## Top 10 sites for “PTT’s”

1	2,272,002	Martinsburg
2	2,094,525	Garfield
3	2,003,420	Harmony
4	1,879,371	Rotary
5	1,765,237	Ohio Prime
6	1,656,272	Coal
7	1,067,508	Beckley
8	1,015,365	Porters
9	936,835	Clarksburg
10	871,715	Blue Ridge

- There are several sites that are in need of additional channels. Currently, those sites are:
  - Catherine’s – ASR Update is not yet completed
  - Richwood – Some frequencies have begun potentially located.
  - Clay Tower – Not funded by tower grant at this time
  
- Master Site Updates – Scheduled for January 31 and February 1. A brief statewide site trunk event will occur and Elite Dispatch will be off line on February 1st for a short period as controller loads are transferred from active to redundant. Estimate is 3 minutes.
  
- A bulletin has been sent out regarding an issue with APX radios and a problem with sirens that are attached. There has only been one known issue with this.



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- A non-government non-profit K9 Search and Rescue organization has requested their own statewide talkgroup and standing on their own without being under any umbrella. We currently have groups of this type under a County POC. As such, any request that they should make should be through their County POC. If that is a problem, encourage them to come back to the RIC for them to bring it back to us. An inquiry would be made to ascertain the status of the SAR person that was associated with EMD appointed after the passing of Bill Kershner.
- Lincoln County has asked for a modification to their profile that would affect them being able to talk back to their dispatch using Lincoln County EMS. They believe that in the past it was possible and that the Huntington towers were removed in the past. During discussion it was brought up that Rotary had been removed from their profile due to the amount of traffic. There was significant discussion of the issue at this meeting, and it was decided that there is currently a comparable solution in place in using the Lincoln 911 talkgroup. Every 911 center was provided a consolette so that should be possible currently.
- It was discovered that if an APX radio has been programmed for TDMA usage and the channel ID plan for that plan is removed, the radio will no longer transmit. This was attempted due to FDMA radios not hearing the TDMA. The Channel ID plan had to be reinserted in the radio for the radio to work again.
- More inquiry came from Loudon County reference the NEXT radios being approved on the system. It was advised to the group that when the NEXT was available to us for testing, two different radios were available and neither one was able to have the SIRN system key programmed in it nor any SIRN talkgroups. Another tester raised the question that cables may no longer be necessary to program radios as WIFI and Bluetooth were just as “directly connecting” to a computer. It was stated that there is no issue with a connection to a computer made via cable, WIFI, or Bluetooth. What is not acceptable is the ability to program the radios via a portal established by Motorola and that portal being only available via internet AND being problematic with regard to putting a System Key in the radio for SIRN. At the time the radios were sent back to Motorola unapproved, Motorola was told that was the case and that getting them approved was back in their court and we would be waiting to hear a solution. To date, no solution has been forthcoming, and the NEXT radios is NOT approved in the SIRN system.

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

- Committee continued its work on reviewing current policies and finalized revisions to five. Those five will be shared with the SIEC for potential vote for acceptance at the February meeting.



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

- Prepared the following list to provide to ECD for the 2022 TA submissions:
  - INCM – Incident Communications Center Manager
  - INTD – Incident Tactical Dispatch  
TRG-OVERVW – INTD Awareness Overview
  - SCIP Workshop
  - Grant Funding of Emergency Communications Webinar
- An APX class is in the works for late January.
- The NX class for January 18 has been converted to virtual.

## Conference Committee Report – Jeff Perry

- No report.

## Planning Committee Report – Bobby Hoge

- Pendleton and Monroe County POC's submitted updates for the county umbrella application. RC Faulk will process the new agencies to the SIRN website.
- RC Faulk reported the National Guard will be using the trunk trailer at the Fola testing site again. Deployment will be a month long this time.
- Microwave project
  - Aviat subcontractors are working at the Rock Branch ware house to identify additional equipment that needs factory upgrades and then will begin in February to assemble and test hops for deployment out to sites.
- Lights and Antenna Repairs
  - Several sites have requests submitted. There are component delays due to part availability.
- Site Updates
  - Clay/Mt. Pisgah - After several conversations with Mr. Schoolcraft in Clay, they are very likely going to do a smaller tower on a different site than originally discussed (Mt. Pisgah) They apparently are planning to build a new 911 Center complex and want to incorporate the tower into that. As for the Guard, they have expressed great interest in having a SIRN site that would help serve the FOLA location. Kirby seems to think the Guard will support (financially hopefully) the development of this site. Smaller tower at Mt Pisgah. Guard still interested in assisting with ASR & Microwave
  - Confidence – Putnam County has asked for tower fund grant application.



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- Dingess – waiting on AEP to provide structural analysis.
- Hinton – Premier has started the work process. NPS has the microwave in their warehouse EMD to pick up shortly.
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- Horsepen – waiting for a return response to inquiries.
- Princeton - Site prep underway. The SIRN site is ordered, foundation poured, AEP site survey is scheduled and the microwave shipped. County is looking at buildings.
- Richwood - I spoke to John McGinnis, the new director for Nicholas County. He has not applied for any grants but is definitely willing to do so. I gave him tips to start the process. Additionally, I talked to him about frequency availability and he is going to check with the locals to see what he can grab.
- Catherines – construction on going. The radio portion of the site remains on line at Klondyke.
- Weston – 911 Director Gum was going to search for frequencies. It is my belief that none of the original MW and Rf equipment is still available, therefore it will all need to be purchased. Weston FR & MW equipment has been deployed to other sites and will need to be replaced.
- West Union – MOU was approved by the State and signed by EMD and sent to the County Commission for signature.
- Mathias/Hardy Co – tower fund grant has been approved.
- State is working with Tescos to be able to piggy back off other existing State contracts.
- Antenna repair mechanism is in place with Premier Construction.
- Motorola repairs are available back through Motorola.

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

- No report from the committee.
- Dave Saffel reported on the roll-out of 6 GHz unlicensed spectrum and the potential for issues that it may cause.
- DJ Sigman from AT&T reported some improvements to iPhone inventory but tablets were still hit and miss.
- High power user equipment may be available for testing in the next quarter.



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- A new version of the EPTT Mission Critical program will be coming late in the first quarter and AT&T will work to provide a web demo of the changes.

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

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

- Next meeting is set for February 24, 2022.

## **RIC Region 2 Report – Tom Hart**

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

- Next meeting is scheduled from January 19, 2022 at Bridgeport EOC at 10:00am.

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

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

- Next meeting is scheduled virtually for January 19, 2022.

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

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

- No report.

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

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

- Next meeting is January 13, 2022 via virtual meeting.

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

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Next meeting scheduled for January 20, 2022 in Danville, WV.

## **Business Conducted**

- RC Faulk will distribute the list of updated 2022 meeting dates.
- Next meeting is planned for February 7, 2022.

Meeting adjournment.

- **Motion:** Dave Saffel
- **Second:** Justin Wolfe
- **Motion:** Passed