



West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2025	Time: 13:35	Location: RETI
Meeting Called to Order By:		

SIEC Membership & Participation

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

Mangus, Jim	X	RIC 1 Chairman
Hart, Tom	Proxy – Tony Novel	RIC 2 Chairman
Polczynski, Jeff		RIC 3 Chairman
Tice, Brandon	CC Proxy – Rick Gillespie	RIC 4 Chairman
Zilinski, John	X	RIC 5 Chairman
Vititoe, Steve	X	RIC 6 Chairman
Saffel, Dave	X	WV APCO
Cadle, Pat		WV County Commission Association
Mccabe, GE		WV DEM Director
Rumbaugh, Stephen	CC Proxy – Patrick Shea	WV Department of Transportation
White, Mikyle	CC Proxy – Jordan Clendenen	WV E-911 Council
Rose, Richard		WV Emergency Management Council
Ratliff, Jody		WV Health & Human Resources
Blosser, Travis		WV Municipal League
Seward, James		WV National Guard
Abbott, Heather		WV Office of Technology
French, Parrish	CC Proxy – Tyrone Gore	WV Parkways Authority
Howard, Tom		WV Sheriff's Association
Tyree, Ken		WV State Fire Marshal
Mitchell, Jim	Proxy – Nathan Sayre	WV State Police
McConnell, Dustyn		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	X	Assistant SWIC
David O'Brien	X	Technical
Brooke Hess	CC	Technical/Conference
Bobby Hoge	X	EMD
Steven Singer	X	CISA



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Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

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

Technical Committee Report

- Programming Current Versioning –
 - Motorola **APX CPS R36.00.01 2025.1 Baseline Release - 4/14/2025– APX Family Portables and Mobiles FW R36.40.00 2025.1 Baseline Release – 06/09/2025**
 - Motorola APX Next – **APX NEXT FW R09.40.00 2025.1 Baseline Release – 06/09/2025**
 - 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 5.20 (NX-5X00 & 30 Series)–Firmware 5.24**
 - Armada - **1.44.12 – 03/05/2025**
 - RES – BKR9000 – **5.8.38 – 07/30/24**
 - Tait -
- Testing
 - Harris – XL-400, XL-200, XL-185 & XL-95
 - Motorola Next XN & N50, N70
 - Tait – Have been provided several updates to firmware by email, but one of the credentials that we were given work, and attempts to obtain new credentials have gone nowhere.
 - Icom
 - EFJ VM8000
- Harris XL-200 Radio is in Level 5 status. Harris has requested that we move them back to Level 1. I was going to propose that we bring them back to Level 1 based on their request despite not having received the codeplug and exactly what was done to the program. Prior to making that suggestion to the group, Kanawha County indicated that they ALSO were having radios that were locking up and did NOT have the LTE lock checked in their program, so the problem is more widespread than we originally thought, so there was no further desire to take the XL-200 out of Level 5.
- Cabell County has requested a talkgroup called CAB DIRT – Approved.
- Loudon County reported that there were multiple radios losing their encryption keys. There is a new version of firmware for the APX and the NEXT radios that was released June 9, 2025 that might be the fix.



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- Lost City is scheduled to be turned up this week
- T-Mobile is testing a cell phone that has capability is testing of Texting over Satellite. It is reported that it is working quite well.

Important Technical Information

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

Cyber Security Sub-Committee Report

- Did not meet.

Policy and Procedures Committee Report

- Did not meet.

Training/Education/Outreach Committee Report

- Discussed possible AuxComm at the Conference, but was withdrawn after additional discussion.
- An update was given on the AuxComm course in the Romney area in the October time frame.

Conference Committee Report – Steve Vittoe

- Worked through a draft version of the agenda for distribution to those who need supporting documentation for travel authorization.

Planning Committee Report

- Agreed to the name update for the Mason Police Department.



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New & Emerging Technologies

- Did not meet.

RIC Region 1 Report

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

- Last met on May 22nd at the Ripley VFD.
- Members discussed updates and reviewed previous SIEC meeting minutes.
- The BK & APX Programming class was requested to be held in the region.
- It was reported that Jackson County was moving to a Simulcast Zetron.
- Jeremy Jones will be replacing Roy McCallister who is retiring as the vice chair.
- The next meeting is TBD at this time.

RIC Region 2 Report

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

- Meeting minutes are attached.

RIC Region 3 Report

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

- Meeting minutes are attached.

RIC Region 4 Report

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

- Lat met on May 24th at Randolph EOC.
- Members discussed ham's on SIRN getting their own talkgroup but that will be handled through the OEM as needed and use existing talkgroups.
- Rick provided an update on NRQZ activities.
- Discussed adding equipment from cell phone companies and other users on towers.
- Next meeting is TBD at this time.



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RIC Region 5 Report

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

- RIC 5 has not met since March.
- Nothing new to report.
- EMS Radio exercise in our region will be the 17th of June.
- Next meeting is set for June 12th, at 10:00 and elections are coming up.

RIC Region 6 Report

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Has not met since the last SIEC meeting and the next meeting is virtual on June 26th.

Business Conducted

- Technical committee recommended the approval for the new Cabell County talkgroup; 2nd by Tony Novel; Motion passed.
- It was reported that there will be a SAR event at the Bechtel Summit to include a comms piece. It was suggested the WAVE app be tested at this event in place of using a large handout of portable radios.
- Next meeting:
 - **Date: July 7, 2025**
 - **Location: RETI**

Meeting adjournment.

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

RIC 2

Regional Meeting

5/15/25 – OHIO COUNTY EOC

- Meeting called order at 10 am by T Novel
- Minutes from the previous meeting, unanimously approved by a motion, T Campbell motioned, Mike Laboric seconded the motion.
- No upcoming training or exercises related to RIC. Discussed mid year training and explained why it will not happen this year. Only 4 months until the WVSIRN Conference. Dave Saffell would like to have a Harris Class only before conference, probably at Flatwoods.
- Old Business
 - S. Yoho advised that the Wileyville/Wetzel tower construction has been delayed by weather. Wetzel has applied for a grant to get SIRN equipment for the site but the grant has not be awarded. Fence not up yet.
 - Justin Wolfe gave an update on the new Cadel Tower. Doing Core samples and environmentals. Premier doing erection. Reoordinating but not relicensing since it is not exceded 1640ft from existing tower. 260 footer.
 - Upgraded still on the schedule for late September 2025.
 - No word on expanding NTIA frequencies.
 - Still looking for radio programming instructors.
- New Business
 - The software and firmware updates were given.
 - SIRN is trying to develop new radio programming classes to include all new models and different brands of radios being approved on the system.
 - KVL 5000 key loaders are planned to be updated at the radio conference for radio authentication purposes.
 - Federal Real IDs are required to get on Base at Camp Dawson for the radio conference. (Star in upper corner of your drivers license)
 - Fingerprints and background checks need to be done by IDEMIA and forwarded to SWIC before becoming a radio programmer. SIRN needs to get code set up so info will be sent to them.
 - Harris XL 200 put in level 5 due to radio locking up and the battery needing to be removed to get the radio to reset. Check mark for the LTE seems to be a problem, Harris news to do a software update to insure the check mark will not be defaulted.
 - Tait testing continues along with Harris XL400, XL95, XL185, NEXT XN, N70, N50 and VM8000.
 - SIRN got a key for Icom radios, now they can do some testing.
- Good of the order
 - Central Communications in Pennsboro now direct connect.
 - Tower became available close to West Union to put SIRN equipment on. Local and SIRN officials trying to secure that. Will help southern Tyler and Northern Doddridge along with some of Ritchie.

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- Next Meetings-Brooke County EMS July 17th 2025
- Motion to adjourn was made by L Vargo and Seconded by J Ober. Motion Passed.
- Meeting adjourned

West Virginia Region 3 RIC Meeting

April 30, 2025

Attendance: Voting Members – (Phone Bridge) Jeff Polczynski, Dick Myers; Non-Voting Members – Stephen Allen, Sandy Green, Peggy Alt, Mike Jenkins

No official meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Membership: Open positions: ARES/RACES, Fire Departments, County Commission, Red Cross, Health Department, and Federal – Military 167th. The following representatives were submitted to fill vacancies from the following disciplines **ARES/RACES** (*Morgan County*) – John Peterson, **FIRE** (*Mineral*) – Nick Bischoff, **Federal – Military 167th** (*Berkeley County*) – Tech Sgt. Kelby Ramsey; **Health Department** (*Jefferson County*) – Brandon Rhodes. Two (2) vacancies still need representation, **County Commission** and **American Red Cross**.

SIEC: Jeff had given an update on the May SIEC meeting.

Technical Committee

- Programming – Jeff advised the current versioning Motorola APX CPS R36.00.01 Baseline released on 4-14-2025 and APX Family Portables and Mobiles FW R36.01.00 2025.1 Baseline released on 4-14-2025.
- Testing -Several radios were being tested
- Wayne County BOE is in need of a microwave backhaul at the Dunlow building owned by the WV State Police. They will need to reach out for permission from the owners of the locations they are in to install upgrades.

- Summers County is wanting to create a three-site simulcast system. A structural analysis of the towers and permissions would need to be in place for access to the buildings and towers.
- Quiet Zone Update – Rick Gillespie had reported on the progress from CTA regarding Greenbank Observatory.
- Cabell County LOC's has no MOU's with EMD as Motorola has not been forthcoming with the exact plan. No application has been filed at this point.
- Background Checks – There was discussion on enforcing background checks within the regions for vendors or technicians that are not complying with CJIS guidelines who are working on critical infrastructure equipment.

Cyber Security Sub-Committee

- Danny Kirby reported on steps for a possible agency Cyber breach.

Policy and Procedure Committee

- Did not meet.

Training/Education/Outreach Committee

- Jim Mangus reported there was interest in Hardy County for a WV AUXCOMM class. They are working on a student roster.

Conference Committee

- Starting bi-weekly conference prep calls.
- Programming classes need to get figured out ASAP, registration closes at the end of August.
- Real ID is required for Base Access
- Ideas are being put together to make an agenda
- It was decided to spend more time in the morning discussing WV SIRM in place of having a guest speaker.

New and Emerging Technologies

- DJ Sigman provided updates on new devices and pricing.
- Lori Stone reported FirstNet will have a meeting on July 24th to discuss the progress of FirstNet in West Virginia.

R3 Site and Infrastructure Update:

Grant County –

- Peggy stated everything was tested and working as it should.
- The Bayard Tower (Non SORN) is in the process of being built to maximize coverage for their VHF legacy system.
- Motorola will be adding simulcast equipment to the Mount Storm (Non SORN) and Charles Knob Towers to add coverage to their VHF legacy system.

Morgan County –

- Mike stated Morgan County has experienced their FirstNet cradle point failure in the western part of the county. He was not sure what caused the issue, and they are still working on it.

Jefferson County –

- Jeff advised he had no updates on the Shepherdstown Tower Site. He stated he was not part of the project so he couldn't advise further as to the progress.

Legislation: Nothing to report at this time.

Conference/Training/Education/Emerging Technologies:

- SORN Conference will be held at Camp Dawson on September 14-18, 2025. Be sure to have your proper credentials prior to going onto the base or you will be denied access.
- Jeff stated he had sent out an email regarding the WV AUXCOMM class to see if there is any interest. He suggested it could be available as a pre-conference course.

- Jeff advised Motorola will be providing a firmware upgrade to any KVL5000 that is used in the WV SIRN system. This upgrade will be free of charge at the WV SIRN Conference.
- New and Emerging Technologies – Jefferson County has implementing Next Gen 911. To date, core services include Motorola, AT&T, NGA and Endigital. Schedule for other core services will be as follows: Frontier - April 22nd, Comcast - April 24th – Next month other OSP's will be added. Text 911 will begin May 2025.

Maryland First: Nothing to report

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Nothing to report

County Discipline Updates:

Grant –

- Peggy stated she may need some assistance with setting up PageGate to the system.

Morgan –

- Mike advised the County Commission has approved the contract for NextGen 911. They are also working on an additional tower to provide coverage on River Road or possibly adding a microwave to one of Maryland's towers.

Jefferson –

- Jeff stated, NextGen 911 is about 80% complete. Text to 911 should be up and running by the end of June.
- Jefferson County ECC has hired (7) seven new dispatchers. This week is the start of our (8) eight week dispatcher academy for the new hires.

- Dick who is representing Emergency Management advised the 2025 WV EMC Conference will be held on September 29 – October 1 at the Bridgeport Conference Center in Bridgeport WV. Information and registration can be found on the WV EMC website.
- Dick also advised the WV SERC Conference will be held immediately following the WV EMC Conference at the Bridgeport Conference Center, October 1st and 2nd. No other details are available at this time.

WV EMD –

- Sandy stated, Governor Morrissey made a surprise visit to Mineral County after the flood last week.

Next meeting will be held on June 18, 2025. Video Conference link <https://www.gotomeet.me/jcecc>