



West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7-7-2025	Time: 12:57	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	CC	RIC 2 Chairman
Polczynski, Jeff	CC	RIC 3 Chairman
Tice, Brandon		RIC 4 Chairman
Zilinski, John	CC	RIC 5 Chairman
Vititoe, Steve	X	RIC 6 Chairman
Saffel, Dave	CC	WV APCO
Cadle, Pat		WV County Commission Association
Mccabe, GE	CC	WV DEM Director
Rumbaugh, Stephen	CC Proxy – Patrick Shea	WV Department of Transportation
White, Mikyle		WV E-911 Council
Rose, Richard	CC Proxy – Justin Wolfe	WV Emergency Management Council
Ratliff, Jody	CC Proxy – Al Whitaker	WV Health & Human Resources
Blosser, Travis		WV Municipal League
Seward, James	Proxy – Dan Kirby	WV National Guard
Abbott, Heather		WV Office of Technology
French, Parrish		WV Parkways Authority
OPEN		WV Sheriff's Association
Tyree, Ken		WV State Fire Marshal
Mitchell, Jim	CC Proxy – Nathan Sayre	WV State Police
McConnell, Dustyn	X	WV SWIC
Bump, Paul		WV Zone 1 Switch Agency
Vargo, Lou	CC	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency

Additional Participants

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

RC Faulk	CC	Assistant SWIC
Tony Novel	CC	
Bob Hoge	CC	
Greg Hendry	CC	
Michael Spangler	X	
Roy McCallister	CC	
Steven Singer	CC	
DJ Sigman	CC	
Brooke Hess	X	



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Previous Minutes Reviewed and Approved

- **Motion:** Saffel
- **Second:** 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 APX N70 - APX N70 FW R06.40.00 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-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
- The Chair of the Technical Committee recommends that the Harris XL-200 be removed from Level 5 and restored to Level 1. There was a problem in Gilmer County that a radio locked up. Initially, a Harris representative stated that the problem was the fact that a radio did not have LTE in it, yet the LTE block in Network was checked. This is a default for the Harris RPM2 software, so it is assumed that that many if not most XL-200's and other models have that box checked without LTE Installed. The Technical Committee requested of L3Harris that the codeplug before any changes had been made and a codeplug after changes be provided to the Chair. Gilmer County is apparently programming their own radios, though there are currently NO certified programmers for L3Harris in the State. Gilmer did not provide the required before codeplug and L3Harris provided the after. It



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was determined that Channel ID 3 (Channel IDEN for Harris) was still active in the replacement codeplug. This has caused problems in the past. At this point, L3Harris has provided all things requested. No one has been able to duplicate the problem of the radio locking up. It is now recommended that the XL-200 be returned to Level 1. Motion to approve to Level 1 by Fred Kinder. Second by Jim Mangus. No one opposed. We need to be very aware of those radios to be certain that the problem is not occurring again. If a problem occurs again, it will be returned to Level 5.

- 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. The firmware was not the total problem, but the new firmware worked properly.
- Technical Committee recommends approving the Motorola N50. Motion to approve Tony Novel, Second by Brooke Hess. No one opposed. Approved for Level 2
- Technical Committee recommends approving the Kenwood VM8000. Motion to approve Tony Novel, Second by Fred Kinder. No one opposed. Approved for Level 1
- There is an issue with a programmer in a county that had five radios that they just purchased from Motorola. The radio ID that was in them showed up as stolen. Turns out they purchased the radios from Motorola direct, but could not get them programmed with a vendor. They turned to a local person who programmed them very poorly with one radio ID for all five. There were problems in the code plug and improper programming (unauthorized talkgroups) in the code plug. That is going to be addressed.
- ICE wants to come to West Virginia and needs channels on our system. They need to put on 250 radios and need talkgroups. They are already authorized on the system as their training takes place in Harpers Ferry. The enforcement group is going to be more active in West Virginia so we are going to recommend 10 enforcement talkgroups initially and if they need more, we will take care of it.
- T-Mobile testing has been working very well as far as regular phone service. The phone has a satellite texting ability that is working reasonably well, but there seems to be an issue as to when it connects and when it fails to move over to the satellite. Testing will continue and T-Mobile is being advised of the issues that have occurred.

Cyber Security Sub-Committee Report

- Cyber Report – WV DHS had a Port Scanning attack recently. Indication that it is very possible for West Virginia and our system. BE AWARE!!!!!!!



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Policy and Procedures Committee Report

- Did not meet.

Training/Education/Outreach Committee Report

- WV AuxComm is planned for the last week of October in the Morefield area with 16 reported students. Committee requesting approval to host the class. All in attendance agreed to support the class.

Conference Committee Report – Steve Vititoe

- Members received a registration update from RC Faulk.
- Members reviewed the latest draft of the agenda.
- RC Faulk reported that a passport is not a replacement for a RealID that is needed for Camp Dawson access.

Planning Committee Report

- Did not meet.

New & Emerging Technologies

- DJ Sigman reported that the Eastern panhandle area is getting network modernization and some sites will be down while that maintenance window is open.
- FirstNet is preparing a new MiFi HPUE device. DJ will provide information to RC to forward to membership.

RIC Region 1 Report

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

- Next meeting scheduled for July 17 at the Ripley VFD.
- Roy McCallister is retiring and RIC will be working to get a replacement vice-chair.

RIC Region 2 Report

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

Next is set for July 17 in Brooke County at 10am.



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RIC Region 3 Report

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

- Minutes attached.

RIC Region 4 Report

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

- No meeting date to announce yet.

RIC Region 5 Report

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

- Meeting minutes attached.

RIC Region 6 Report

Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo

- Last met virtually on June 12th and discussed the previous SIEC meeting.
- Members discussed the latest hardware out for testing.
- The RIC requested an LLA flyer.
- Next meeting is August 21st with the location TBD.

Business Conducted

- Technical Committee recommends the XL200 going back to Level 1; 2nd from Jim Mangus; Motion passed.
- Technical Committee recommends the N50 radio being approved for level 2; 2nd from Jim Mangus; Motion passed.
- Technical Committee recommends the VM8000 be approved for level 1; 2nd from Steve Vititoe; Motion passed.
- Training Committee recommends approval of the AuxComm course in October; 2nd from Dave Saffel; Motion passed.
- The link layer authentication is not working.
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- Group discussed the fire grant radios.
- Next meeting:
 - **Date: August 11, 2025**
 - **Location: RETI**

Meeting adjournment.

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

	Regional Interoperability Committee – Region 5
	June 2025 Meeting Minutes
	Raleigh County 911 or Microsoft Teams Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 10:00

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by RIC Chair, John Zilinski

SIGN IN SHEET

- **Present:** John Zilinski, Cody Fortner, Jeff Smith, Tim Ellison
- **Virtual:** Tammy Fox, Loyd Lowry, Zach Honaker, Robbie Johnson, Ethan Whisenant, Brantley Whittaker, Jordan Clendenen, Joshu McKinney, Stan Wilson, & Don Havens
- A copy of the sign in sheet is attached for reference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion By: Loyd Lowry
- Seconded By: Jordan Clendenen
- Result: Carried

TECHNICAL MEETING

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- Radio Testing – Harris XL-400, XL-200 XL-185 & XL-95
 - Motorola Next XN & N50, N70
 - I-Com
 - EFJ VM8000
- Harris moved to a Level 5 Radio due to locking up for no reason.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- Nothing to report under policy and procedure

TRAINING AND OUTREACH

- Personal Subscriber Forms must be completed and approved by the individual's host agency and then submitted to the Agency POC. Some issues have been discovered in other regions.
- L0958 – NIMS ICS All Hazards Operations Section Chief Course – August 25-28 at Beckley Fire Department Station 3 at 232 Industrial Dr., Beckley.
- SAR Exercise on August 22-24 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. It'll be a 2.5-day exercise with night ground operations on Friday evening with Ground, K-9 and Drone teams. Saturday will be Ground Operations with Ground, K-9 and Drone teams. Water Dive teams doing Water Recovery as well. Sunday will be Day Ground and Water searches for half day with a debriefing early afternoon. State will be paying for all meals and bunkhouse accommodations. I'm looking at 75 to 100 participants for the exercise. WVDNR, WVSP, several county agencies and all the volunteer SAR groups from around the state.

CONFERENCE

- Conference is scheduled for September 14-16, 2025 at Camp Dawson with programmer classes to follow on 9/17-18/25. Individuals must register for the conference and with Camp Dawson. Individuals are required to have a READ ID in order to access the facility.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Hinton Site – Loyd Lowry in Summers County gave a brief update on the new Hinton site. Ground work is complete and they are hopeful to begin with concrete and construction soon. Estimated timeframe for the tower to be erected is August, but that is subject to change.

CURRENT AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

- T-Mobile – there was a general discussion among the group regarding T-Mobile Cellular / Hotspot capabilities. Similar to ATT Firstnet, several agencies have tested the T-Mobile device and found no issues and a lot of reliability.

COUNTY / AGENCY NEWS

- Greenbrier County – Don Havens reported an event coming up on 6/19-21. Region 6, TAC 1 will be use. Jordan Clendenen had nothing further to add.
- Monroe – Nothing to report.
- Summers – Nothing to report.
- National Park Service – Nothing to report.
- Jan Care – Nothing to report.
- Regional Command – Other than participating in the EMS Communication Exercise on Tuesday, June 17, there was nothing else to report.
- WVSP (Ethan Whisenant) – Nothing to report.
- SIRM / Ghent (Josh McKinney) – Nothing to report.
- Coal City – Nothing to report.

- Wyoming County – Equipment for MCC7500 has started coming in. CAD functions going through development. Hoping to be moved in at new 911 PSAP location on December 1, 2025.
- Bradley – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections are set to be held next month as per the by-laws. Nominations will be accepted to Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recorder. Mr. Zilinski encouraged others to participate more within the RIC. Mr. Zilinski will not be seeking re-election for the next term due to other obligations.
- Vacancy for the Professional Fire Department Member – Ernie Parsons retired from Beckley Fire Department and has since been replaced by Mike Seagars. Mr. Zilinski ask for a motion for Mr. Seagars to fill the vacancy voting member for Professional Fire Department. Tim Ellison made the motion, seconded by Don Havens. Motion carried.
- Regional Talkgroup for SAR Operations – A request for an additional regional talkgroup for Search and Rescue was presented to the SIEC and was denied. SEIC indicated they would grant a talk group locally to individual counties, but recommended repurposing a pre-existing talkgroup in order to satisfy this need. There was a discussion among the group about the use of Region 6, TAC 10, since it is rarely used. Jeff Smith indicated that he would conduct some testing on that talkgroup and report back to the group next month with his findings. An official decision will be made then.

OLD BUSINESS

- Communications Resource Availabilities Worksheet (ICS 217A) – this form helps identify and list what each counties communication assets are. These are particularly useful when updates are needed or for COML's for communication planning at events. Raleigh has already completed theirs. This should be done at the county level.
- Healthcare Communication Exercise coming up next Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Some last-minute programming updates have been completed. 9-1-1 Centers, Hospitals, and EMS agencies throughout the region is scheduled to participate. If anyone has any questions, you may contact John Zilinski directly.

NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 10:00. Mr. Ellison volunteered to host the meeting at the new Wyoming County 911 Center located at 128 College Dr., Saulsville. This is the old Southern Community College Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion By: Loyd Lowry

Seconded By: Cody Fortner

Result: Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 hours.

Meeting transcribed and submitted by D. Cody Fortner, RIC 5 Recorder

West Virginia Region 3 RIC Meeting

June 18, 2025

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

Membership: Jeff reported the following vacancies were filled 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; **County Commission** (*Mineral*) – Luke McKenzie. One (1) vacancy still needs filled **American Red Cross**.

SIEC: Jeff had given an update on the May SIEC meeting. Nothing related to Region 3.

Technical Committee

- On June 16th the PK site was struck by lightning taking out the microwave. Jeff gave kudos to the crew for making the necessary repairs that evening getting it back online.
- Jeff stated he has not received any notes or minutes from the SIEC meeting so nothing more to add at this time.

Cyber Security Sub-Committee

- N/A

Policy and Procedure Committee

- N/A

Training/Education/Outreach Committee

- N/A

Conference Committee

- N/A

New and Emerging Technologies

- N/A

R3 Site and Infrastructure Update:

Grant County –

- Peggy stated the upgrades to their VFH conventional radio system at the Mt. Storm site is almost complete.

Morgan County –

- Mike stated communications with Washington and Allegany Counties are ongoing and is still a work in progress.

Jefferson County –

- Jeff advised he had no updates on the Shepherdstown Tower Site.
- The microwave updates were completed at the Blue Ridge Site and at the ECC.

Legislation:

- Jeff stated the as of July 1, 2025 the 911 fees will be increasing by 10%.

Conference/Training/Education/Emerging Technologies:

- SIRON 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 also wanted to remind everyone about the KBL 5000 upgrade is free during the conference.

- The National APCO Conference is being held on July 27-30, 2025 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore Maryland.

Maryland First: Nothing to report

Old Business: Mike Jenkins advised they are still having issues with the cradle points not having coverage in the western part of Morgan County. He has been in touch with Jeff Perry and OEMS due to the lack of communication with the Medical Director.

New Business: N/A

County Discipline Updates:

Jefferson –

- 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.

Next meeting will be held on July 16, 2025. Video Conference link <https://www.gotomeet.me/jcecc>