

**New Hampshire Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Meeting
November 3rd, 2017, 9:00 AM
2nd Floor Conference Room
Department of Safety 33 Hazen Drive, Concord**

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order @ 9:02 AM

II. Accepting Minutes from September 19th, 2017

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dan Eaton and was seconded by Chief Sitar. The minutes were approved.

III. P25 Update – Lieutenant Jeff Ladieu

Equipment will be upgraded during the spring/summer of 2018. There is a two year timeline for the project. They are in the early phase of finalizing the contract.

IV. FirstNet Update – Mike Varney, FirstNet Region 1 Lead

The application developers program is open for anyone who is interested in application development for the FirstNet application store portal. Thus far 30 states/territories have opted in.

Denis Goulet asked about the vetting process is for application development. Mike explained that the process is detailed on the developers program page.

Dan Eaton asked for clarification on the “letters of intent” signed by states. Mike answered that states have signed opt-in letters, and they are not “letters of intent”.

V. New Hampshire Update – John Stevens, SWIC/SPOC

Rick Andreano helped coordinate an approval for a SCIP update to take place in March of 2018.

VI. Working Groups Status Updates

• **Radio Frequency Communications WG – Tom Andross**

Rick Todd was voted in as Vice Chair. Tom attended the 2018 Grants Committee meeting and discovered the SIEC is not represented on the committee. The WG is working on developing a cost assessment for grant funding to reprogram radios.

ID formats for Interoperability Radios:

A suggested format was distributed years ago. Over time at least two radio shops have added subcategories to address added disciplines acquiring and programming digital radios capable of generating traffic on Public Safety systems (highway departments, Emergency Management, etc). Interop concerns arise when radios generate traffic or emergency signals on adjoining systems and transmitters need to be identified.

The workgroup adopted a revised numbering scheme which is attached for SIEC consideration. Work is continuing on updating the state agencies ID scheme.

Equipment Standards Recommendations

The workgroup has completed the update of the draft document and it is attached for SIEC consideration.

Frequency Matrices

As the few remaining MOU's for frequency usage are collected, the matrices (LAWNET, FIRENET, EMSNET) are being revised and will be presented for SIEC consideration. The updated accompanying "radio template guidelines" will include new language regarding encryption.

NH DOS web hosting of frequency matrices and radio ID database

The workgroup has entered into discussion with State DOIT on the eventual hosting of the master frequency matrices, as well as a repository for programmed radio ID's.

Usage/deconfliction of "Zone H" interop channels

The workgroup is continuing to review incidents and plans utilizing multiple ZoneH frequencies. The issue remains complicated by agencies re-using designated Interoperability channels as local/regional use channels (ie VLAW31 vs "LP Car-car", and VFIRE21 vs "280"). A proposal for pre-designated interop channels by region is also being reviewed for further development.

Interoperability Radio Equipment Standards

A motion was made by Dan Eaton to adopt the Interoperability Radio Equipment Standards, which was seconded by Cecily McNair.

A question was asked if this recommendation will be distributed to the vendors? The answer is yes. A concern was raised regarding non-uniform service responders, and the funding that will be required to adopt these recommendations. The answer to this concern is to remember that this recommendation is guidance and not mandatory. The next question was should there be a separate recommendation for non-uniform service responders? The answer is that this can be discussed at a future meeting.

John Stevens commended the WG for taking on the responsibility of creating standards for interoperability. HSEM is in support of this.

There was a call for a vote. All voted in favor of adopting the standards.

Agency Radio ID Assignments

A motion was made by Doug Hackett to adopt the Interoperability Radio Equipment Standards, which was seconded by Chief Sitar.

Tom Andross noted that red indicates a fire agency. Mark Doyle noted that this list will be important for interoperability upgrades that are coming. Paul Hatch noted that mutual aids are not listed, and preset place holders should be in place. There will be a companion list coming with state agencies.

Paul Hatch made a motion to amend the list to add mutual aid agencies, which was seconded by Doug Hackett.

There was a call for a vote. All voted in favor of adopting the amended standards.

These will be posted online, it was suggested that they be posted on the Grants Management website and the FirstNet website. They want to establish a database first on one website and link to this established database list on other sites. They are in active conversations with DOS DoIT.

- **Operations WG –Mark Doyle**

They are working with DoIT to have a one stop web access for the above mentioned documents.

- **CommL Sub-Committee – Cecily McNair**

The WG last met in October. They anticipate having half a dozen applications by April of 2018 for approval.

- **Data Communications WG – filling in for Carol Miller, is John Stevens**

John has met with a number of individuals over at the state house. The Executive Management Group has proposed changes to the law to include more agencies on the SIEC. The bill has been filed to change law, and is ready for a public hearing in January.

On November 1st, John testified at the Oversight of FirstNet: State Perspectives hearing. There are SMLA concerns, particularly considering the fact there could be an early termination penalty for the state that is up to \$608M. Mike Poth, FirstNet CEO, said the numbers are a draft and they can be negotiated. FirstNet has a responsibility to make sure all states are successful whether they opt-in or opt-out.

John asked if AT&T is developing a dedicated network for first responders? The answer was, yes they are building a separate core.

Governor Sununu issued an executive order that established a five person committee to review the opt-out risks for the state. Members of the committee:

- Charlie Arlinghaus, commissioner of the state's Department of Administrative Services;
- Jared Chicoine, director of the state's Office of Strategic Initiatives;
- State Treasurer Bill Dwyer;
- Attorney General Gordon MacDonald; and
- James Key-Wallace, executive director of the state's Business Finance Authority.

It has been brought to our attention that there are full pages ads in NH newspapers directing people to the following website: <http://keepingnewhampshiresafe.org>. John asked if the ads are supported

by FirstNet? Mike answered, no. John asked if the ads are supported by AT&T? Owen Smith from AT&T answered, yes.

John asked why there were 24 pages missing from the SMLA provided to NH? Mike answered, that a summary was provided and the details around the SMLA pages will be refined in the terms and conditions and they are customized by the state based on the state's proposal.

Sheriff Rivera asked what is the penalty if AT&T fails in NH? Mike answered that the numbers are identical for AT&T. Sheriff Rivera asked what FirstNet intends to do about the approach AT&T is taking with the ads and the website. He stated that this practice is concerning, and that FirstNet should take responsibility. Mike answered that he will take those comments back to FirstNet.

John Stevens noted that the U.S. GAO stated the network would take \$47B to build, and yet California could be penalized \$15B in an early termination fee. How are these numbers valid?

Dan Eaton made motion that the SIEC move to executive session to consult with legal council in regard to the dishonest ad campaign being propagated by AT&T. The motion was seconded by Tom Andross.

The recommendation to move to a non-public meeting was made by Dan Eaton and seconded by Sheriff Rivera. All voted in favor @ 10:27 AM.

Public session resumed at 10:53 AM

Kurt Blomquist made a motion to authorize the SIEC Chairman and John Stevens to draft a letter to emphasize the recommendation made by the committee to be reviewed by Governor Sununu, the Executive Council, and the Opt-Out Review Committee. This motion was seconded by Doug Hackett.

There was a call for a vote: 7 voted in favor, 6 were opposed, the motion passed.

VII. Next Meeting

We will send around an email with dates for 2018.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Eaton and seconded by Doug Hackett @ 11:00 AM.