

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

Members Present: Tom Andross, John Stevens, Jennifer Harper, Paul Hatch, Doug Hackett, Mike Sitar, David Watters, Keith Rodenhiser, Steve Ahnen, Bill Wood, Doug Aiken, Jon Goldman, Thayer Paronto, Heidi Murphy, David Chase, Carol Miller, Paul Dean, Jeff Ladieu, Richard Bailey Jr., Steve Kropper, Scott Valcourt, Art Durette, Cecily McNair, Arlene Crowell, Steve Shea, George Feole.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

**II. Accepting Minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Captain George Feole and seconded by Thayer Paronto.

Roll call vote in favor: Paul Hatch, Doug Hackett, Keith Rodenhiser, Bill Wood, Doug Aiken, Jon Goldman, Thayer Paronto, Carol Miller, Paul Dean, Jeff Ladieu, Richard Bailey, Steve Kropper, Scott Valcourt, Art Durette, Arlene Crowell, George Feole.

The minutes are approved.

**III. New Hampshire Updates – John Stevens, SWIC/SPOC**

There has been a flurry of activity involving the SWIC's Office. Mutualink has expanded in New Hampshire during the COVID-19 crisis. Mutualink has provided an opportunity to connect New Hampshire through the end of this year, starting with the ACS sites and now local dispatch centers. An effort is being made to expand in the North Country. A meeting was scheduled with Fred Scalera of AT&T to discuss the FirstNet COAMs, but due to the pandemic it had to be rescheduled. There will be a NH FirstNet Summit on October 14<sup>th</sup> for public safety stakeholders in the state, and a NH FirstNet Workshop on November 12 for the Executive Management Group to discuss planning for the NH FirstNet buildout in years 6-10. The two FirstNet SatCOLTs are still available for anyone who needs to make a request. We continue to stay engaged with RapidSOS, the radio reprogramming project is ongoing in regard to interoperability online training. The CISA trainings are not likely to take place in 2020 and will need to be rescheduled. We continue to evaluate and look at them as their scheduled dates approach. The COMU has been rescheduled to May 18-20, 2021. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Mini TERT Rally, this exercise will involve Mutualink. This will provide COML and COMT trainees with an opportunity to work on their task books. There will be an August 18<sup>th</sup> dry run for the NHSP FirstNet demo involving 40 Sonim phones, and NetMotion will collect analytics.

Dave Chase asked a question regarding how soon the NetMotion coverage analytics will be available? John answered that the phones will be moving throughout the state during the demo, throughout the various NHSP troops, and hopefully within 90 days the data should be available.

**IV. Working Groups Status Updates**

• **Radio Frequency Communications WG – Jon Goldman**

The IFWG Committee continues to monitor the LAWNET, FIRENET, and EMSNET matrices for change, continuing to vet users for access to the matrix. Strafford County is making some

changes to channels, which will change the matrix. These changes have not been officially released yet. LRMFA has worked for two years on a radio infrastructure program, this won't affect the matrix but channel 7 will become a repeated channel. Marine Patrol is now dispatched by NHSP. They didn't have the ability to communicate with locals. VTAC 12 will be utilized. The Colonel has signed off and messaging has gone out.

Bill Wood asked if Marine Patrol has used VTAC12? The answer was that he is unsure.

- **Operations WG – George Feole**

Over the last several workgroup meetings our workgroup put considerable effort between remote meetings and subsequent email follow up discussion into finalizing the Interoperability Channel Usage Coordination document. We believe the document as presented today, is ready for adoption by the NH SIEC. We are happy to answer any questions before we formally consider adoption.

A motion was made to adopt the document by Captain Feole and seconded by Cecily McNair. David Chase asked about any future amendments that may need to be made, and AC Bailey noted that any changes should be brought forward to the SIEC for review, Captain Feole and Cecily concurred.

Roll call vote in favor: Paul Hatch, Doug Hackett, Mike Sitar, David Watters, Keith Rodenhiser, Steve Ahnen, Bill Wood, Jon Goldman, Thayer Paronto, David Chase, Carol Miller, Paul Dean, Richard Bailey, Steve Kropper, Scott Valcourt, Art Durette, Cecily McNair, Arelene Crowell, George Feole.

The Interoperability Channel Usage Coordination document is approved.

Next on the agenda for our workgroup will be delving into the deconfliction process and how we can memorialize a process utilizing WebEOC or otherwise. Discussions will likely focus on:

- ◆ Using WebEOC as a place where dispatch centers could access a thread and notify if/when they were using an interop channel. An example would be if Derry FD goes out and is using VFIRE21, the dispatcher could access the "RADIO INTEROP" thread in WebEOC and click a button or some mechanism to know that it is in use. That way Londonderry Dispatcher could log into the same thread and see VFIRE21 is in use so they could assign VFIRE22 if Londonderry FD needed an interop channel.
- ◆ Having a "DAILY USAGE" and "PRE-PLANNED USAGE" tabs. This is all just a concept, and we will further vet these ideas as we move forward.
- **COML/COMT Subcommittee – Cecily McNair**
  - ◆ COMT will be *tentatively* held on: November 2-6
  - ◆ COMU will be held on: May 18-20, 2021

- ◆ COML will be *tentatively* held on: October 5-8
- ◆ Cecily and Chair, Tom Andross will be meeting to sign off on COMT and COML task books. The meeting will likely be in September.
- ◆ We have two folks in the process that have completed their task books. A review board will be scheduled for those on the same day we meet for the Mini TERT Rally, or in the very near future.

I. **Data Communications WG –Carol Miller**

The Numbers at a Glance

- ◆ 34 new sites
- ◆ 11 NEWN sites through acquisition (Lower Coos)
- ◆ 15 + 1 = 16 GNWW sites (Upper Coos)
- ◆ Total = 61 sites (does not include BAU sites)

As of July 7, 2020

- ◆ 136 towns have band-14 overlays (1 or more sites)
- ◆ 4 FirstNet sites and 10 BAU sites at the end of 2019
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2020 6 FirstNet sites, 6 NEWN sites and 15 GNWW sites up and running
- ◆ Total sites on air = 177 with other sites (original and BAU) in various stages of development
- ◆ 2 deployables delivered

Forecasted by The End of 2020

- ◆ 16 FirstNet sites planned (6 FirstNet sites already on-air)
- ◆ 1 GNWW site
- ◆ 5 NEWN sites
- ◆ COAM under development

Looking Ahead 6-10 Years After The 5 Year Build

- ◆ Data Communications Work Group will continue to meet with AT&T on a quarterly basis going forward
- ◆ We are seeking full coverage statewide
- ◆ Will continue to monitor and push for sites in areas where coverage is thin (Grafton, Cheshire, and Sullivan counties)

○ **Apps Sub-committee – Art Durette**

Covid19, protests, natural disasters, planned events and daily incidents, some overlapping and/or concurrent have tested the applications we use to manage these events.

- ◆ The Mutualink “demo” has been expanded to additional agencies.
- ◆ WEBEOC has been very active for the past 5 months.
- ◆ WebEx, ZOOM, GoToMeeting continue to be regularly used.

At DOS, a fusus real-time video application POC has been deployed and used often in the State Police Helicopter and drones. A grant has been obtained to fund it and additional units will be used in robots, connection to other systems and includes adhoc rapid deployment kits. Additionally, other government video management systems have been leveraged for situational awareness in the State EOC, Incident Command and local agencies.

The Sonim Scout application is being evaluated by DOS and DoIT in anticipation of using it to manage 40 Sonim FirstNet demo devices for NHSP.

Along with the NHSP demo, a NetMotion server is being configured that will collect real-time cellular coverage data from the Sonim phones as they travel through the State.

Tom Andross recognized Scott Valcourt, who will be leaving the SIEC, and thanked him for his service to the overall SIEC, as well as the Data Communications Working Group.

V. **Mutualink Presentation – Mark Hatten, CEO/Chairman**

Mutualink is a secure encrypted community-wide to statewide to nationwide enabling technology that immediately brings any agency’s communications into the future. Mutualink strengthens communities by enabling seamless operational communication. It is simple to deploy while creating:

- statewide LMR interoperability, regardless of radio type
- LMR to PTT operability
- secure, live streaming video sharing from virtually any source, indoor/outdoor security cameras, drones, etc.
- secure data share, location tracking, texting
- map layers of data visualization, creating
- a voice, video and data sharing
- establishing a true C.O.P.
- FirstNet approved - carrier and network independent

Current deployments in Berlin PD, Grafton County Sheriff, Hanover PD, Lincoln PD, Plymouth PD, LRMFA, Milford PD, NH DOS, NH National Guard.

2020 planned expansion include: Belknap County S.O., Carroll County S.O., Colebrook Communications Center, Conway PD, Department of Transportation District 1, Gilford PD, Gorham PD, Laconia PD, Meredith PD, Moultonborough PD, NHSP Communications, NHSP, University of New Hampshire, Weeks Hospital, Wolfeboro PD.

The trial provided to NH is for the software, which lasts through the end of the year. Mutualink would be happy to do a Zoom meeting to show how Mutualink works with real responders for anyone who may be interested.

**VI. FirstNet Update – Gary McCarraher, Region I Coordinator**

FirstNet can assist with event planning to include identifying the agencies who will be supporting the event. Identifying locations where public safety will need broadband capabilities, venues, command posts, EOCs, and identifying which devices and technology will be used.

FirstNet can assist with exercises and has created a catalog of injects/questions for operations based and discussion based exercises. Including injects/questions that cover a wide range of public safety activities. Their catalog is easily searchable by public safety for activities to be exercised. The injects/questions are able to be modified. They are in a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compatible format. They do After Action Reviews as well, including reviews of preplanning, logistics, operations and technology.

**VII. AT&T Presentation – Lisa Benincasa, FirstNet Principal Consultant**

AT&T is continuing to work to get the NHSP FirstNet demo going. More agencies have adopted FirstNet, 14 additional agencies have joined, and there are 119 new subscribers. Outreach continues, with setting up meetings or WebEx sessions to discuss FirstNet. On Wednesday, she will head to Hebron with John Stevens to rectify issues with their service.

**New Business**

**VIII. ROUNDTABLE**

• **P25 Update – Captain Jeff Ladieu**

The P25 system is installed and operational, they have entered the warranty period. This project began in 2017 with a lot of hard work from DESC, and a lot of oversight and guidance from AC Bailey to make this project happen. Soon they will begin the installation of the backup geo-redundant hub sites, with 2 cores one in Concord and one in Laconia. Radio Maintenance and Motorola are on top of it. The interoperability consolettes to be installed on 5 mountain tops will increase interoperability and functionality throughout the state.

- **Thayer Paronto:** Regards to retired Assistant Director DeNutte for his contributions to the communications world.

- **Dave Chase:** Thanks to the working groups and the executive staff.

- **Carol Miller:** Asks for a letter of recognition to be sent to Assistant Director DeNutte.

- **George Feole:** Travelled to Pittsburgh NH and found the coverage to be great with his black SIM FirstNet phone.

New Hampshire  
Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Meeting  
August 14, 2020 9:00 AM  
WebEx

- **Tom Andross:** Noted to visit [northcountryinterop.com](http://northcountryinterop.com) for the Mini TERT Rally details.

**IX. Next Meeting Date**

- November 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM, location TBD

**X. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Valcourt and seconded by Cecily McNair. The meeting concluded at 10:24 AM.