

**New Hampshire
Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Meeting
May 14, 2021 9:00 AM
WebEx**

I. Welcome and Introduction

Members Present: Tom Andross, John Stevens, Matthew Canfield, Doug Hackett, Mike Sitar, Bill Wood, Doug Aiken, Kurt Blomquist, Jon Goldman, Thayer Paronto, Michael Eastman, David Chase, Mark Doyle, Paul Dean, Pam Urban-Morin, Richard Bailey, Joe Sangermano, Jim Kowalik, Steve Kropper, Art Durette, Cecily McNair, Arlene Crowell, Steve Shea, George Feole, Dan Eaton.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM.

II. Accepting Minutes from February 12th

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Chief Sitar and seconded by Cecily McNair.

Roll call vote in favor: Matthew Canfield, Doug Hackett, Mike Sitar, Bill Wood, Doug Aiken, Kurt Blomquist, Jon Goldman, Thayer Paronto, Michael Eastman, David Chase, Mark Doyle, Paul Dean, Pam Urban-Morin, Richard Bailey, Joe Sangermano, Jim Kowalik, Steve Kropper, Art Durette, Cecily McNair, Arlene Crowell, Steve Shea, George Feole, Dan Eaton.

The minutes are approved.

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

New members are encouraged to join and support the working groups. The TERT Rally will be held on May 21st, at the same time there will be a mass vaccination site in Lancaster, and there are plans to include both locations in a Mutualink exercise. Training for Mutualink is ongoing, please reach out if you need individualized training. There is a group that meets weekly to keep on top of any issues that arise that need to be addressed. There was a FirstNet RAN update meeting held earlier this month, and the next one will be held in August, we continue to advocate for more statewide coverage. In the not too distant future we will hold regional meetings to discuss coverage needs to help inform the FirstNet plan for the state in years 6-10 of the buildout. Last month we had a demo of the CRD, NH is set to receive two. The NHSP FirstNet / WAVE demo pilot has concluded, the plan will be presented next week. We're embarking on a period of continuous training, to include CISA workshops which are subject to federal travel being approved. Drive testing will occur next month, conducted by CISA, to include Grafton, Cheshire and Sullivan counties. The COMT class is scheduled for July 19-23, an ICS-300 class will be offered August 10-12, the COML class will be offered September 13-17, and the COMU is scheduled for October 5-7. We have plans to hold a FirstNet Summit November 8-10 to include the FirstNet board members coming to meet with members of the SIEC, their travel will be dependent upon any federal travel restrictions that may be in place. We held a meeting with the NH Tactical Officers Association in regard to promoting interoperability, and discussing the concept of COMLs being attached to each of these teams.

IV. Mutualink Update – Mark Hatten, CEO/Chairman

Mutualink touted NH as the most interoperable state in America, and spoke to setup and training. Other topics covered included the Public Safety Emergency Management Ecosystem, as

well as product advancements including sensors, AI, cameras, voice and programmed sharing while maintaining control.

V. FirstNet's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update – Denis Goulet, Commissioner, CIO, DoIT

The PSAC is doing a good job of determining what is important to first responders and using that to provide information to the board to prioritize further investments.

The transparency that was displayed after the Nashville event has been heartening and will result in a more hardened infrastructure.

VI. Working Groups Status Updates

- **Radio Frequency Communications WG – Jon Goldman**
 - We continue to monitor the matrix for changes, there have been several over the past few months.
 - ◇ Chester/Auburn are switching to a repeater – next meeting we will discuss adding Derry, or keeping it as is.
 - We continue to have storage and access problems, users are not checking the matrix each time they prepare to program.
 - ◇ Users continue to ask for access when they already have access to it.
 - ◇ Next meeting there will be discussion on sending an email to all users whenever changes occur.
 - We continue to work on the VTAC36/SOU deconfliction process.
 - We continue to work on console ID programming, and are working to produce an annual reminder document for the SWIC.
 - We will be working to get Nashua and Manchester to the table to discuss operations of gateways, as well as use of other branded radios on their system.
- **Operations WG – George Feole**
 - **Interoperability Zone Deconfliction:** Thayer Paronto and Neil Cantin of the NH DESC continue to develop the WEB EOC Interop channel deconfliction page. The workgroup recently decided to add several 8TAC interop channels to cover the cities, Manchester and Nashua, that use 800 MHz trunked systems. That task has been accomplished. The page has been beta tested by DESC folks during the operation of the vaccine super sites. A short How-To-Guide is being developed by DESC staff to assist users, that remains a work in progress.
 - ◇ I will defer to Thayer for a more detailed report.
 - **COMU Subcommittee, Cecily McNair, our COMU Chair, reports:** There are three COML recertifications due; they are Rick Belanger, Jon Goldman and Justin Bellen.
 - ◇ Congratulations to those folks.
 - ◇ The TERT Rally is scheduled for May 21st, it is expected that candidates already in the COML process will participate and get their task books signed off that day.
 - **New subcommittee established for Interop training opportunities;** a new subcommittee has been established to operate under the Operations & Policy Workgroup. The subcommittee will be responsible for developing training

recommendations for communication related matters. The vision is that any training either developed or recommended would be made available to communication practitioners throughout the state. We often talk about policy and practice as a regular course of our activities but seem to be missing the next step once we develop a policy or practice. That is, putting into practice, the new policy/practice. This committee would be responsible for bridging the gap between policy/practice and implementation at the end user level. **We need participation and are seeking a volunteer to chair the new subcommittee. Please let me and or John Stevens know if you have an interest in leading the new workgroup.**

- **Data Communications WG –Art Durette**
 - **HPUE testing** has resumed in Troop F after some setbacks, a recent firmware update was performed with the manufacturer Airgain. We will also be beta testing their remote diagnostic software that will allow us to collect performance information in the background so the Trooper(s) will no longer need to stop to collect/document data.
 - **School communication surveys** have started up again after from being on hold from Covid. Capabilities/deficiencies evaluated during surveys include:
 - ◇ LMR capabilities within buildings for first responders
 - ◇ Interoperable capabilities between school radios and first responders
 - ◇ Cellular access within buildings
 - ◇ Correct ANI/ALI information on fixed phone systems
 - ◇ The schools are not the only entities that need in building coverage study/remediation as numerous public and commercial structures have the same issues.
 - **Mutualink**
 - ◇ NHSP at IPOC, Hampton Beach Lifeguard Station and the 911 PSAPS are now online with Mutualink.
 - ◇ Streaming drone video was successfully tested using a Mutualink Mobile Kit.
 - ◇ Environmental sensors connected to Mutualink were tested inside the vaccination tents at the Super-Vax events.
 - **Deployable Communications**
 - ◇ We are standing up command/control/surveillance communications and network for another super vaccination site in the North country.
 - **FirstNet**
 - ◇ 2021 Forecasted Sites
 - 10 FirstNet – 4 currently on air
 - 6 BAU – 2 currently on air
 - ◇ NEWN: 11 sites with band-14, GNWW: 16 sites on air
 - ◇ Band-14 overlay currently in 158 towns
 - 40 more planned

Dave Chase asked if there could be an app developed for the TICFOG with a link to the matrix? Art answered the TICFOG as a whole likely needs an update before any possible app work begins.

Captain Feole asked about the logistics behind drone video being streamed through Mutualink. Art answered that they utilized dual controllers so you're not affecting the pilot, and were plugging cables into a portable deployment kit. There are several ways to do it.

Chief Goldman, asked about the possibility of linking in the dispatch centers through Mutualink if video feeds are being used during bike week. Art said he would inquire further about that possibility.

Roll call vote in favor to approve the working group updates: Doug Hackett, Bill Wood, Doug Aiken, Kurt Blomquist, Michael Eastman, David Chase, Mark Doyle, Pam Urban-Morin, Richard Bailey, Joe Sangermano, Jim Kowalik, Steve Kropper, Art Durette, Cecily McNair, Arlene Crowell, Steve Shea, George Feole, Dan Eaton.

The working group updates are approved.

VII. FirstNet Update – Bruce Fitzgerald, Region I Coordinator

FirstNet is offering two upcoming webinars: one on May 27th focusing on the northeastern states and mutual aid, and another webinar on June 9th focusing on hurricanes. The PSAC met this week, and had an update on the Nashville incident. They were updated on telehealth and ICAM, those projects are ongoing. Focus groups continue to meet on location-based services, and the app catalog. 10 new PSAC members started as well.

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

Ryan Clark spoke to the 22 of the 34 FirstNet sites being on air. They are continuing to make good progress. They plan to have a CRD at the TERT Rally next week to test it out. Lisa Benincasa stated they will be at the TERT Rally, as well as the NH Police Chiefs show in June. If you have any upcoming events, or if you know of anyone who wants to test coverage/devices, please let her know.

Captain Feole mentioned that he was disheartened to hear that Londonderry PD is now testing T-Mobile devices, and asked for an update on the new tower site in Londonderry. Lisa said she spoke with them this week and they are willing to test FirstNet devices. The new site should be on by the end of May or sometime in June.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

Please register if you are planning to attend the TERT Rally. Pam Urban-Morin provided an update that they are working with TOA to update a survey for their matrix needs. They continue to work with all agencies on radio reprogramming, the project is picking up the pace.

X. Next Meeting: August 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Captain Feole and seconded by Dan Eaton. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.