

**New Hampshire
Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Meeting
December 3rd, 2021 9:00 AM
NHFA Classrooms 5, 6 & 7**

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

II. Accepting Minutes from May 14th and August 13th

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 14th and August 13th by Mark Proulx, and seconded by Chief Sitar. All voted in favor. The minutes are approved.

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

The FirstNet Board will be coming to NH the first week of May in 2022 for their board meeting. FirstNet personnel will be visiting NH in early January for a site visit to figure out where the summit will take place. The TAs that were conducted this year were completed which included drive testing in the western part of the state, COML, COMT and COMU training. The 2022 TAs have been requested, and they include: a SCIP update, additional drive testing in Belknap and Carroll counties, an E-FOG development app will convert our IFOG to an app, and a communications focused TTX. Radio Reprogramming will conclude in August 2022 and thus far only 12% have been finished. Mutualink training is ongoing regionally. The Department of Safety is now collaborating together across divisions to develop a training calendar.

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

Commissioner Goulet was unable to attend. Bruce Fitzgerald noted there is a new PSAC Chair – a sheriff from the West Coast. The PSAC have met with the FirstNet board, which includes many new members.

V. 9-8-8 Presentation – Mark Doyle, Director, Division of Emergency Services and Communications

A presentation was made regarding 988 as the new nationwide mental health crisis and suicide prevention number, which will be launched nationwide in July of 2022.

AC Bailey asked what happens if someone dials 988 now? Most telecoms have not launched 988 so in that instance people dialing will receive an error message, for those telecoms that have people dialing will connect to the national suicide hotline. Captain Feole asked for clarification on the statistic that 1 in 25% of calls will result in a community mobile response, who is the community mobile response? DHHS has community health centers throughout the state, and a team will be sent to respond, they will have a conversation with the individual in crisis to assess the situation. Bruce Fitzgerald asked if 988 has the same priority as 911 calls? This answer is unknown and will have to be looked into.

VI. Working Groups Status Updates

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

Chief Goldman sends his apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. Rick Todd provided the working group update. The WG continues to monitor the matrix, the updates are in the change logs. There have been some issues with radio shops not installing the latest version of the codeplug, a meeting will take place with those shops in the near future. Astro IDs will be assigned to MA towns. Merrimack is migrating to 800, the work group is

monitoring the progress. Seacoast will utilize VCALL10 for agencies coming in to assist on calls.

○ **Operations WG – George Feole**

- Interoperability Zone Deconfliction: Thayer Paronto has made great progress with development of the page. The page is operational to the point of beta testing. As of November 30th, we had selected a half dozen users that will be granted access privileges to the page to perform real time beta testing. We look forward to a successful test and future implementation.
 - ◇ **COMU Subcommittee – Cecily McNair**
 - ❖ Rob Farley submitted his COMT task book. Pending additional task book submittals, a formal review by the subcommittee will be scheduled.

○ **Data Communications WG –Art Durette**

- FirstNet and Verizon continue to make network improvements throughout the state.
- Most recently, both carriers have stepped up efforts to enhance in-building coverage in government buildings.
- Collaboration continues with Mutualink to further enhance interoperability between dissimilar radio systems, applications and video systems to include aircraft and robots.
- The Seacoast Fire Command Vehicle has been equipped with the NHSP helicopter video downlink, Mutualink and Fusus and HPUE.
- DOS is revisiting LTE/LMR interoperability.

A motion was made to approve the working group status updates by Mark Proulx, and seconded by Jim Kowalik. All voted in favor. The working group status updates are approved.

VII. FirstNet Update – Bruce Fitzgerald, Region I Coordinator

A video featurette was shown highlighting NH and the mass vaccination site that occurred recently, as well as DOS personnel. The FirstNet Board will come to NH in May of 2022. A summit will be planned around this visit, and the board will be around to interact with members of the public safety community. More details to come. A subscriber paid webinar is occurring on December 14th. FirstNet is beginning to have FOC conversations, but these conversations are currently centered around a review status.

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

Phil Oliveira was introduced, and he is state account rep for Maine and NH. He is a liaison for the state agencies. Current subscriber tallies for FirstNet in NH is over 140 agencies, and 4,000 subscribers. The 34 FirstNet site builds has changed to 33 sites, as 1 site was converted to 9 small cells. 27 of the 33 FirstNet sites are on air, and 5 BAU sites have come on air. 166 towns in NH have band-14. There are 32 more band-14 projects planned to come online through FOC. COAMs, deployables, and CRDs are available.

IX. New Business

○ **Training Subcommittee**

Executive Management has taken on the responsibility of the training subcommittee.

X. ROUNDTABLE

Grants Management reports that only 33 Departments have been reimbursed thus far. This is about 12% of those approved to date. The program expires with no extension to be granted by DHS/FEMA in August of 2022. Training funds are available for interoperable DHS approved training.

Thayer mentioned that the APCO Atlantic conference will be held in NH in 2022.

XI. Meeting Dates for 2022

- **February 11, 2022**
- **May 13, 2022**
- **August 19, 2022**
- **November 4, 2022**

XII. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Rick Todd, and seconded by Mark Proulx. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.