

**New Hampshire
Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Meeting
May 13, 2022 | 9:00 AM
NHFA Classrooms 5, 6 & 7**

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

II. Accepting Minutes from February 11th

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Rob Farley and seconded by Steve Kropper. All voted in favor, except for Cecily McNair who abstained. The minutes are approved.

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

John spoke about encouraging participation in the working groups, and acknowledging all of the hard work and efforts of the entire committee. This year we will support our public safety partners by conducting four TAs with CISA. Through our partnership with FirstNet we were able to have a successful New England FirstNet Summit. Mutualink is a model for the rest of the country, we are the only state in the country that is connected statewide. We're about to enter year three of the contract, and renewal will occur soon and before we renew we need to make sure agencies are utilizing it. John recently presented to the Capital Police in Washington D.C. regarding Mutualink, because of their communications issues that they incurred on January 6th.

IV. Working Groups Status Updates

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

- Continuing to monitor and manage the matrices.
- We are working with DESC to develop a better way to manage the matrices via [Box.com](https://box.com) similar to how the COVID lists were managed.
- Planning to still have a meeting with the radio shops.

Melissa Nazarro offered to share strategies used in Massachusetts to manage their matrices and programming of radios.

Representative Aron asked if anyone was aware of any municipalities in the state that are having troubles with upgrading their radio equipment and if there are grants available?

Jon answered, that changes happen to the matrices frequently and that multiple reprogramming grants have been offered over the years. On the current radio reprogramming grant that is being offered, which expires in August, only 12% is currently being utilized. Representative Aron pointed out that budget planning is underway so now is the time to consider requests for funding for things such as radios/reprogramming.

○ **Operations WG – George Feole**

- Interoperability Zone Deconfliction: Thayer Paronto has made great progress with development of the page. Beta testing continues with the page. Neil Cantin, NH DOS, has recently updated the progress and provided the screen shots below. If any WebEOC user wishes to take part in the beta testing please let Thayer know and he will facilitate getting access to the page.

WebEOC | Cantin, Neil | WebEOC Development | 2021 - 009 Covid-19 | Log Out | JUVARE

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VTAC13	IN USE	Dan Murphy	603-573-1712	01/25/2022 13:18:10
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ADD EVENT +

Events

Event #	Event Name	Start Date/Time
0002-3	NASCAR	01/27/2022 12:00:00

Comments/History

Name/Position	Date/Time
Dan Murphy WebEOC Development	01/25/2022 14:49:28

❖ **COMU Subcommittee – Cecily McNair**

- ✓ We have: 2 COML candidates and 4 COMT candidates that will be coming before the COMU Review Board later today.

○ **Data Communications WG –Art Durette**

Coverage

- For 2022, ATT reports: 2 FirstNet sites are forecasted to be turned on, 1 is currently on air.
- There are 168 towns with 1 or more sites of band-14 in the state.
- While DOS continues its longstanding efforts to work with carriers to improve LTE coverage in public buildings, the FirstNet Authority has approved a high priority investment in this effort nationwide. This decision was announced at the board meeting held at the summit at UNH.
- DESC has purchased and received delivery of diagnostic equipment/software from PC-TEL to measure all carrier LTE as well as LMR. This technology will allow in building and outdoor coverage data to be collected and mapped as needed.
- DESC will resume testing HPUE when updated equipment is received.

- DESC continues to work to improve LMR coverage

PTT Interoperability

- ATT has released a MCPTT based app “FirstNet Rapid Response” which includes cross carrier support and interoperates with LMR via Motorola Critical Connect
- DHS is funding a solicitation for solutions to allow different vendor PTT apps to interoperate.
- Siyata (Uniden) has released a MCPTT compliant LTE portable with available lapel mic and amplified vehicle dock.

LTE/LMR interoperability

- Motorola and Sierra have a solution where the APX mobile radio can transmit over LTE when LMR connection is lost

Mutualink

- LNK360 rollout pending. Testing revealed that this version is much easier to install and use.
- DESC testing portable (handheld size) LTE router which enhances/expedites the ability to adhoc connect to an incident with drones, robots etc.

VIDEO

- DESC is working with Fusus and Mutualink to improve video interoperability between the platforms
- DNCR and DOS continue to collaborate to improve situational awareness at Hampton Beach. New cameras similar to the deployables sent there last year have been purchased and are being installed by Pelmac. Video will be viewable by Lifeguards, Police and Fire during normal operations and can be expanded to be seen by others as needed.
- The Seacoast Chiefs Command Vehicle has been outfitted with encrypted video downlink receiver for NHSP helicopter FLIR camera, Fusus interface and Mutualink.
- DOS has released an RFP for replacing its security cameras and video management systems
- John Stevens added that the Data Comm WG, continues to meet with FirstNet quarterly.

A motion to approve the working group status updates was made by Rob Farley and seconded by Dave Chase. All voted in favor, the working group status updates are approved.

V. FirstNet Update – Bruce Fitzgerald, Region I Coordinator

Thanks to John Stevens and Chief Dean for their help with the New England FirstNet Summit. The FirstNet leadership were very happy overall with the summit. The roundtable that took place with NH public safety officials, FirstNet Board, and Governor Sununu went well. FirstNet is not ready to make a commitment on future tower funding yet, but it was good for them to hear that was important to New Hampshire. When asked for his thoughts on the summit, Tom Andross answered that he thought it was a good experience and that FirstNet may have been surprised to hear how good of a relationship New Hampshire has with AT&T. When asked for his thoughts on the summit, Deputy Chief Feole answered he thought it was worthwhile. He wanted to impress the need to integrate the capability of switching between LMR and LTE seamlessly in one device. He would like to see that priority pushed. Bruce will bring this message back to the FirstNet Board. Thank you to everyone who attended the summit.

During the FirstNet Board meeting, reinvestment for deployable indoor coverage was approved by the FirstNet Board, referred to as “Agency Deployed RAN”. Littleton Health reached out and they’ll be moving forward with testing HPUE. Thanks to Sean Goodwin for bringing FirstNet into a meeting with Pease and the National Guard to possibly bring in equipment for future events. CEO Ed Parkinskon has stepped down and gone over to Rapid SOS.

On May 26th FirstNet will hold a webinar focused on extended primary users.

VI. AT&T Presentation – Kevin MacKenna, FirstNet Mobility Specialist

Ryan Clark spoke about the FirstNet Summit, and extended a thank you to everyone who was involved. The network continues to expand, there are more 3.3M subscribers nationally on the network. There are more than 200 applications available, and more than 400 devices available. The coverage continues to grow, there is more than 2.8M miles nationally. One more tower to go to complete the 34 tower buildout, which is expected by the end of this year on time and ahead of schedule.

Steve Shea asked for the number of subscribers in the state, Tiffany Oliviera answered, there are more than 120 agencies, and more than 5100 subscribers.

Kevin MacKenna introduced himself, and wishes to set up meetings with the people in this room to get to know everyone. He informed everyone that if you have a planned event that requires a deployable to please let him know as early as you can.

VII. CISA Update – Melissa Nazarro

New Hampshire does a great job of meeting regularly and including CISA, and requesting TAs, and is great at expressing what is needed and following through. There is a SCIP workshop coming up in September. An EFOG workshop coming up, and drive testing in Belknap and Carroll counties.

VIII. Drive Testing – Sean Goodwin

A presentation was made on drive testing data in Cheshire, Sullivan and Grafton counties. DESC has acquired new drive testing equipment and will be conducting drive testing of their own soon.

IX. New Business

X. ROUNDTABLE

Cecily McNair: If you're aware of any drills or planned events, fireworks, fairs that would be good for COML/COMT trainees or even the certified folks, please send an email to the SWIC's Office.

Thayer Paronto: NHEDA had a recent training and awards banquet.

Paul Hatch: HSEM will be the next branch of DOS that will be acquiring FirstNet phones.

Representative Aron: Wanted to remind everyone that September is the time frame that legislators will be able to propose legislation for funding, and that next year is a budget year, so if you have any needs please let her know.

Arlene Crowell: Noted that she found the health and wellness seminar very helpful.

Tiffany Oliveira: She is back to support NH for AT&T.

Kurt Blomquist: Shared last July two substantial storm events occurred that were declared federal disasters, and communications issues were brought to attention.

Jon Goldman: The APCO/NHEDA conference will occur the end of October/beginning of November. Next April NHEDA will hold an in-person conference.

XI. Next Meeting Date:

- **August 19th at 11:00 at the NHFA in classrooms 5, 6, & 7**

XII. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Jon Goldman and seconded by Rob Farley. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM