

**New Hampshire
Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Meeting
November 4, 2022 | 9:00 AM
NHFA Classrooms 5, 6 & 7**

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

II. Accepting Minutes from August 19th

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Chief Sitar and seconded by Cecily McNair. All voted in favor, the minutes are approved.

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

The communications focused TTX will occur on December 13th. A nationwide markers presentation was made down in DC regarding interoperability accomplishments, NH scored 93%. The SCIP plan workshop occurred in September and the draft will go out for review shortly. The E-FOG app development will occur in 2023, which will take the existing TICFOG update it and convert it into an app. Segments of the TICFOG will go out for review and updates shortly. Drive testing in Belknap and Carroll counties regarding band-14 coverage was conducted earlier. Last month's working group discussions led to a suggestion to take the SIEC meetings outside of Concord. CISA has offered to conduct a WPS and GETS webinar next year. The CRD update is that the paperwork is over at DOS Legal. Training dollars are available but may be repurposed. FirstNet discussions are ongoing regarding coverage, a letter was sent to the chair of FirstNet to advocate for more coverage in New Hampshire. November 14th is the date that the working groups will next meet. A NLE exercise with NH and MA will occur on March 14th 2023. On April 25th there will be an exercise at the Bank of NH Pavilion. The SIEC Executive Management Group met a few weeks back and discussions were held regarding membership, we're hoping to fill those vacancies in 2023. The Mutualink transition to LNK360 is ongoing, once that is completed regionalized training will occur.

Cecily asked if the COMLs and COMTs will take a look at the TICFOG? Yes.

IV. Encryption Presentation – Bill Mansfield, Nashua PD

A presentation was made regarding secure voice, technical basics of algorithms, storage location numbers (SLN) or common key reference (CKR), and encryption best practices. It is recommended that we develop a CKR database.

Tom Andross suggested that the Radio Frequency Communications WG take on this project. Chief Feole made a motion in support of this suggestion and it was seconded by Cecily McNair. All voted in favor.

V. Working Groups Status Updates

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

We continue to monitor the matrix. The matrix will be moved to a new Box cloud folder. A message will go out to notify everyone the date which it will be moved. When changes are made, there will be a log and the file name will be changed. A screen capture will be sent quarterly to radio shops and users.

A committee has been established called the Emergency Button Sub-Workgroup, chaired by Rob Farley, to investigate the possibility of developing a statewide emergency call button.

- **Operations WG – George Feole**

Interoperability Zone Deconfliction: Thayer Paronto has made great progress with development of the page and has done further beta testing with the page. It remains in the testing phase and waiting for opportunities to test how the board works.

- **COMU Subcommittee – Cecily McNair**

- No new updates at this time.

- **Data Communications WG –Art Durette**

- Coverage**

- ATT and Verizon continue to offer in building enhancement solutions upon request.

- DESC, DoIT, AT&T and Cradlepoint collaborated to provide WiFi for attendees at the NH Executive Council meetings on Mount Washington and inside a hanger at Jaffrey Airport. DESC continues to work to improve LMR P25 coverage.

- DESC continues to assist School Readiness staff with communications assessments and recommendations using specialized test equipment that can map cellular, LMR and WiFi coverage.

- PTT Interoperability**

- Communicating with push to talk over cellular over multiple vendor solutions remains a challenge.

- Mutualink**

- Training and fine tuning continue with partner agencies with the transition to the latest version (LNK360).

- VIDEO**

- 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 as the supply trickles in. Video will be viewable by lifeguards, police and fire during normal operations and can be expanded to be seen by others as needed. This system includes FLIR and AI.

- The Seacoast Chiefs Command Vehicle has been outfitted with encrypted video downlink receiver for NHSP helicopter FLIR camera, Fusus interface and Mutualink.

- LRAD capability is being considered.

- Cisco has released firmware that enables is WebEx hardware to work on Microsoft Teams.

A motion was made to accept the working group updates by Dan Eaton and seconded by Chief Sitar. All voted in favor. The working group updates are approved.

**VI. AT&T Update - Kevin MacKenna, FirstNet Mobility Specialist
Ryan Clark, Regional Director, External Affairs**

Ryan Clark: Thanks to everyone who participated in the NHEDA APCO event. The national numbers stand at 4M connections which includes 23,000 agencies and orgs. They're continuing to work toward the end of the first five year build. Currently there are more than 7K users in NH. The last area to buildout is on the Seacoast which is a small cell build which will be completed by the end of the year.

Kevin MacKenna: Public works and the private sector like healthcare are interested in subscribing. The in-building program for primary users has been going well and AT&T will work with users to improve coverage inside buildings. Outreach is ongoing.

VII. New Business

VIII. ROUNDTABLE

John Stevens: took a moment to acknowledge Arlene Crowell who will be retiring next month. Best wishes on your retirement and thank you for your participation on the SIEC.

Judy Aron: reminded everyone that starting on November 11th you can submit new LSRs regarding funding.

Rick Todd: reminded everyone that on the 16th there will be a Fire Federation Mutual Aid meeting.

Thayer Paronto: the NHEDA/APCO conference has concluded, the 2023 NHEDA conference will take place on April 11-13th at Attitash.

David Chase: working on an inter-state project with Maine, applied for a 4.9 MHz frequency license waiver and still waiting to hear back. May seek a letter of support from the SWIC to help move the application along.

Bobby Erskine: working on the TICFOG and transferring data to a spreadsheet to send out.

AC Bailey: wanted to congratulate John Stevens for winning the FirstNet Harlan McEwan award.

Dan Eaton: spoke highly of Arlene, and thanked her for her dedication and encouraged people to consider succession planning.

IX. Meeting Dates 2023:

- **February 10th at 9:00 AM, NHFA classrooms 5 & 6**
- **May 12th at 9:00 AM, Derry Municipal Center in Derry**
- **August 11th at 9:00 AM, Marine Patrol in Gilford**
- **November 3rd at 9:00 AM, NHFA classrooms 5 & 6**

X. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Sitar and seconded by Dan Eaton. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.