



Date: August 2, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Bill Kehoe (WaTech)
Spencer Bahner (City of Seattle)
Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee (WSA)
Dongho Chang (WSDOT)
Chad Cross (Interim State Fire Marshall)
Anton Damm (DNR)
Robert Ezelle (MIL/EMD)
Zack Hudgins (OCIO)
Captain Phillip Johnson (DFW)
Dan Meyer (ATNI)
Katy Myers (APCO-NENA)
Tom Wallace (WSP)
Chris Welch (DOC)
Angela Knight (WaTech)

Welcome, News and Information Roundtable, Approval of 4/14/22 Minutes

Welcome:

Bill called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda. Bill also introduced newly appointed OCIO member, Zack Hudgins, who is also nominated for Vice Chair. Zack is a privacy manager at WaTech, and was previously a state legislator for 18 years.

News and Information Roundtable:

Angela combined roll call with roundtable.

Spencer Bahner (Seattle) – Seattle has been preparing for Seafair, planning interoperability between local, state and federal participants.

Anton Damm (DNR) – DNR has been very busy with fire season.

Robert Ezelle (MIL/EMD) – EMD is supporting State Patrol and DNR in their firefighting activities. EMD is submitting a decision package to address right-sizing the staff dedicated to the State Emergency Operations Center, including a couple of FTEs to help with emergency communications, and would volunteer one of those positions long term to serve as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). Appreciates SIEC and member agencies support.

Dan Meyer (ATNI) – ATNI recently had its first in person meeting in three years where he reported out on his role on the SIEC.

Katy Myers (APCO-NENA) – There is a current project ongoing where county PSAPs that are geographically dispersed have interconnected their radio systems so they can back each other up on 911 calls. They are doing training and testing. She would like to bring a report out to a future SIEC meeting.

Captain Phillip Johnson (DFW) - Struggling with staffing. Recruiting for several positions, so contact him if any members know of anyone interested in applying. DFW continues to upgrade to mobile and portable fleets for law enforcement officers to the Motorola series. They are also comparing coverage between FirstNet and Verizon to determine which one better suits their needs for enforcement officers.

Dongho Chang (WSDOT) - Submitting a decision package for land mobile radio team to add working manager positions. Proposing a more centralized system, rather than different regions.

Chris Welch (DOC) - Working on upgrades to mobile radios. Doing facility full radio systems upgrades on three of the twelve prison facilities throughout the state.

Tom Wallace (WSP) - Continuing work on system upgrades, both in terms of base stations, site batteries and replacing some microwave radios. Short and long term strategic planning LMR system.

4/21/22 Minutes:

Bill reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Katy Myers made a motion to approve the minutes, Dongho Chang seconded, all approved. Minutes approved effective August 2, 2022.

SAW Group Charter

Anton Damm, Chair, SIEC Advisory Work Group (SAW Group), reviewed updates to the group's charter. This group provides technical expertise and guidance to the SIEC. Katy Myers requested to include local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to the list under Participation. Katy made a motion to approve the SAW Group charter with requested addition of PSAPs to list, Dan Meyer seconded, all approved. SAW Group charter approved effective August 2, 2022.

2023-25 Decision Package Request

Joe Frost, Electronic Services Division Commander, WA State Patrol, presented three decision packages to submit for funding in the 2023-25 Biennium:

1. **Mobile and portable radio standardized technology replacement.** WSP received funding approval during the 2022 – 23 biennium. WSP experienced staffing challenges, which impacted ability to successfully deploy all radios.
2. **Land Mobile Radio System Upgrade Program Maintenance.** This is for ongoing funding support.
3. **Communications Infrastructure Maintenance.** This is for ongoing funding support.

Chris Welch made a motion to approve the WSP decision packages, Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee seconded, all approved.

SAW Group Updates

Anton Damm provided an update of the SAW Group discussion items from the July 21 meeting:

- Statewide Air Ambulance Communications Guidelines document designates VMED 29 as the default statewide air-to-ground channel for EMS communications. Organizations wanting to use this channel should send email to Anton.Damm@dnr.wa.gov for authorization.

- CISA partners will be assisting with the update to the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).
- There is also a technical assistance request with CISA to assist with converting the WA Field Operations Guide to an electronic version (eFOG). This project will start once the SCIP update is final.
- Anton responded to a request from State Fire Chiefs to provide an MOU for federal interop frequencies.
- Seattle ICE inquired if we have a required statewide interoperability channel. The state does not have one currently. SAW Group is discussing to bring forward to SIEC as a recommendation in the future.

Washington State Radio Interoperability

Bill asked for feedback from members on an interoperability requirement. There may be limits based on variety of radio frequency ranges that different agencies and systems depend on and lack of funding in jurisdictions. A lot of states don't mandate, but provide a recommended template for each band.

Verizon Presentation

The Verizon team presented information on their modernization efforts to ensure secure network resiliency in the area of public safety.

SIEC Vice Chair Nomination

Robert Ezelle made a motion to approve Zack Hudgins as SIEC Vice Chair, Dongho Change seconded, all approved. Congratulations Vice Chair Hudgins.

Good of the Order/Public Comment

No public comments.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Action Items

Topic	Action	Assigned to	Deadline
APCO-NENA PSAP Project	Report out on project	Katy Myers	TBD

Next Meeting

October 20, 2022, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm