



# State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

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On Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at 1:38 p.m. Council Vice-Chair Kristi Wilde called the State Interoperability Executive Council to order.

## ATTENDEES INCLUDE (Quorum – Confirmed)

Kristi Wilde, Vice-Chair  
Jeff Dickerson  
Bob Leopold  
Eulus Newton *for Paul Bell*

Rock Rakosi  
Lonny Macy  
Bob Strosser  
Tom Lauer, *non-voting member*

Kathy George  
Julie Parrish  
John Lewis *for Mike Caldwell*

## COUNCIL MINUTES

Vice-Chair Wilde entertained a motion to approve minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting. Rock Rakosi motioned for approval; Lonny Macy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

### Staff: Kristi Wilde, Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Wilde began the day's discussion with an update on recent FCC activities. The public safety community continues to actively participate in the D-Block discussion. There are still concerns whether an auction of this spectrum will be allowed.

FCC Chairman Genachowski announced a five step action plan to improve the deployment of next generation 9-1-1 (NG911). The NG911 is designed to support seamless, end-to-end IP-based communication of emergency-related voice, text, data, photos and video between the public and public safety answering points (PSAPs). NG911 systems will continue to support the legacy 911 system on a transitional basis for as long as is necessary.

The benefits of the NG911 system include:

- Increased public access
  - NG911 multi-media capabilities expand accessibility and give all consumers more calling options in emergencies.
- Enhanced information for first responders
  - PSAPs receiving text, data, photos and videos can assess emergencies more quickly and respond more effectively.
- Increased reliability of NG911 networks
  - IP-based architecture provides more flexibility and resiliency than the legacy circuit-switched 911 system.

The FCC has recently taken steps to support the implementation of the NG911. These steps include:

- Launch of personal localized alerting network (PLAN):
  - Allows customers who own an enabled mobile device to receive geographically-targeted, text-like messages alerting them of imminent threats to safety in their area.
- Strengthened the existing enhanced E911 location accuracy rules:

- In July, the FCC committed to requiring all wireless carriers to meet the more stringent metrics of the handset-based location accuracy standard.
- Laid the groundwork for a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network:
  - Along with the public safety community, the FCC has begun to lay the groundwork for a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network, including adopting a standard air interference for such a network.
- Granted waivers to build out the public safety network:
  - The FCC has granted 22 waivers for jurisdictions to begin building out the public safety interoperable broadband network, seven of which received BTOP grants. The FCC is also working with those jurisdictions to begin related construction.

## STATE RADIO PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT

**Staff: Tom Lauer – Major Project Branch, State Radio Project**

Tom Lauer reported that the State Radio Project is moving forward and has begun actively working toward the Narrowbanding compliance. Tom Lauer provided the council with a slideshow of recent project activities.



**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**

The update included photos of equipment orders (Figure 1), equipment training (Figure 2) and construction at Chehalem Mountain in Yamhill County (Figure 3).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Strategic Planning Committee

**Staff: Kristi Wilde**

Vice-Chair Kristi Wilde began her report with a review of the recent work on the 2011 Strategic Goals and Objectives. Vice-Chair Wilde provided attendees with a copy of the draft document requesting feedback from the council by October 1. Vice-Chair Wilde would like to have this document in final form and available for formal approval and adoption by the council at the next meeting, October 11. Please send all feedback to Vice-Chair Wilde: [Kristi.J.Wilde@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Kristi.J.Wilde@ci.eugene.or.us). Vice-Chair Wilde continued with a request that each Committee Chair review the document and identify those tasks which his or her committee would like to address.

### Partnership Committee

**Staff: Kathy George**

Commissioner George reported that the group has used the last two months to evaluate the former OWIN Project Steering Committee and transition it into the new Partnership Committee. To date, the committee has reviewed the existing charters of each committee and is working to redefine the objectives of the Partnership Committee moving forward. The committee will be focused on reviewing the parameters of partnerships and associated agreements. The committee will also work with the council by making recommendations with the theme of lending support to communication and interoperability between tribal, local and state governments.

The committee will meet on September 30 at the Local Government Center to formally close the OWIN Project Steering Committee and formally initiate the revised SIEC Partnership Committee.

### **State Radio Users Group**

#### **Staff: Tom Lauer**

Tom Lauer reported that the Military Department has joined the group since the council met in June. The SRUG is continuing to work toward the expectations set forth during the legislative session this spring. Tom Lauer expects the group provide some of these deliverables to the legislature next February.

### **Region 35 700 MHz Radio Group**

#### **Staff: Vice-Chair Kristi Wilde for Joe Kuran**

Vice-Chair Wilde reported that Joe Kuran has been working to reestablish the Technical Committee since the last council meeting in June. The committee has been asked to develop a template of interoperable channels for organizations throughout the state to include in their radio lineup. Currently there are six channels and one tactical channel. The committee is recommending the technical channels be separated by region. The committee will likely provide a recommendation to the next council meeting.

### **Statewide Interoperability Coordinator's Report**

#### **Staff: Steve Noel**

Steve Noel reported that the Tactical Interoperability Communication Plans (TICPs) are complete. Steve Noel extended gratitude to Oregon Emergency Management and the 9-1-1 community for their support in the effort.

NECP Goal # 2 has been completed for each region. It has been announced that there will be a Goal # 3; however, details have not been released.

Through the Technical Assistance request submitted earlier this year, a COMLEX will be scheduled for this fall. Additional details will be distributed as they come available.

Bruce Richter, FEMA Region 10 Coordinator, reported that Oregon is the first state in the region and one of the first in the country to complete both the TICPs and Goal # 2 requirements. Bruce added that the TICPs are only as good as the information within them. These documents are living and will require periodic updates. Bruce also encouraged participation in the upcoming COML activities. The exercises help the emergency responder to be better prepared and more comfortable with the requirements associated with the job.

Bruce added that FEMA is advocating a unified approach for the broadband and narrowband efforts. He reinforced that Oregon is addressing these issues correctly.

Vice-Chair Wilde expressed her appreciation for Steve Noel's efforts in completing the TICPs for the state. The TICPs provide the COML with the information he or she will require to develop communication plans within a given region. Also, DPSST is working with the SIEC to establish a COML training session for this fall or winter.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS**

Chris Tamarin, representing Oregon's Broadband Advisory Council, added that he will be working with the Partnership Committee as it becomes active in its new role. The Broadband Council's next report to the legislature and the Governor will be in November 2012. This report will include policy recommendations related to the affordability and accessibility of broadband technology in all areas of the state. The

Broadband Council is also looking to establish coordination between it and the SIEC as the two councils work toward establishment and implementation of new technologies in the state.

Tom Lauer announced that Paul Pedersen of the State Radio Project would be retiring effective Aug 19. Tom wished to thank Paul for his contribution to the project and the public safety effort as it has evolved during the years that Paul has been with the state.

Vice-Chair Wilde provided the council with a follow-up report from the last meeting. At the June session, Joe Kuran reported on commercial vendor LightSquared. It has come to light that the technology used by LightSquared causes significant interference with GPS frequencies. The company claims that this interference is due to unauthorized GPS use and will be conducting testing within a reduced spectrum in the near future to determine whether the issue is still occurring.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**ADJOURN**

Vice-Chair Wilde adjourned the meeting at 2:27p.