



State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2013 – 1:30pm

Department of Public Safety Standards & Training | Hall of Heroes Conference Room
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On Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 1:31 p.m. Council Chair Rock Rakosi called the State Interoperability Executive Council to order.

ATTENDEES INCLUDE (Quorum)

Rock Rakosi, Chair
Jeff Dickerson
Lony Macy
Tim Moor
Eulus Newton *for Paul Bell*

Bob Cozzie
Tami Dorhman
Tom Johnston
Ed Arabas *for Julie Pearson*
Tom Lauer, *non-voting member*

Joe Kuran
Dave Stuckey
Dave Ferre
Craig Durbin *for Joel Lujan*

The council held a moment of silence in honor of Officer Robert Libke of Oregon City PD, who was fatally shot in the line of duty on Nov. 3. A public service will be held Thursday Nov. 14, 2013 at 1p in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, with a precession beginning at 10:45a in Oregon City.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Staff: Chief Rock Rakosi, Chair

Chair Rakosi inquired whether there were any changes to the draft minutes for the Aug. 13, 2013 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Rakosi requested a motion. Bob Cozzie motioned to approve minutes from the August session. Jeff Dickerson seconded the motion; all were in favor. The minutes will stand.

CHAIRS REPORT

Staff: Chief Rock Rakosi, Chair

FirstNet has initiated outreach efforts, conducting informational seminars across the state. Steve Noel will provide more during his update.

Chari Rakosi reported he met with representatives from the Governor's office, along with the Department of Administrative Services, in September to discuss Senate Bill 665. Through the Association of Oregon Counties, SB 665 will be revisited next session. The legislative work already completed will help to better move the bill through the session. Tom Lauer will add more during his update.

STATE RADIO PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

Tom Lauer reiterated that SB 665 was reviewed by legislative council during the last session, which will help it to move through more the upcoming session more quickly. The transition date will be Jul. 1, 2014 for budget purposes. Senator Johnson's offer to sponsor the bill continues; however, this arrangement has not been formalized yet. Both the Oregon departments of Transportation and Administrative Services are prepared to initiate the transition and with the support of the council, those involved believe the transition will be smooth.

The State Radio Project continues to progress; activities related to the FCC narrowband deadline have been completed. Radios are operational, and the project has received limited feedback from the users. The network design is complete. Site designs are progressing, with implementation targeted for summer 2014.

The project has identified some sites whose completion date are likely to move into 2015; however, this is a small number of sites. Overall, the project is on target and on budget.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Bob Cozzie, Committee Chair

Bob Cozzie reported that the Strategic Planning Committee was unable to meet prior to the Council meeting as normal; however, the group has continued to work on updates to the SIEC charter. The committee intends to incorporate language from SB 665 once available. The committee has also completed a revision to its charter document and is willing to work with the other committees to update their charter documents if needed.

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Kathy George, Committee Chair

As Commissioner George was not in attendance, no report was provided.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Rick Iverson, Committee Chair

Rick Iverson expressed his appreciation for those who attended the committee meeting prior to the council meeting. Representatives from Harris Corp. and Motorola presented information on ISSI interface; next steps will include offline discussion with the committee.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Chair Rakosi for Mike Duyck, Committee Chair

Chair Rakosi reported that the committee is still under development and members are needed.

STATE RADIO USERS GROUP REPORT

Staff: Luci Moore, Committee Representative

As Luci Moore was not in attendance, no report was provided.

700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Joe Kuran, Committee Representative

Joe Kuran reported the Region 35 Committee continues to review applications for frequency use; currently the committee evaluating an application from Tri-Met for modifications on an existing allocation.

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Staff: Chair Rakosi for Steve Noel

Chair Rakosi reported that Steve Noel has been busy with FirstNet outreach meetings and participating in events, such as the Police Chiefs Conference. Next week, the outreach team will be in Camp Rilea, Hillsboro and Eugene, along with Warm Springs Friday Nov. 15 to present to the Oregon Tribal Cluster on Economic Development and Community Services. Kristi Wilde added congratulations to Steve Noel, as his efforts have led to Oregon becoming the first state to complete its outreach efforts, which will wrap up next week.

OPEN DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

Lauer commented, in regards to the efforts of the Technical Committee, the goal of this effort is to establish a common platform so that those interested in establishing a trunked radio system will be able to link into adjacent systems. Lauer added that it was his hope that the Technical Committee will establish the platform, allowing the other committees to initiate work needed to address the operational and administrative challenges that are contingent on this issue. Iverson responded that the committee will assemble necessary documentation and distribute it to the council.

Kristi Wilde provided the council with an overarching FirstNet update. FirstNet will participate in the upcoming Public Safety Communications Research meeting regarding research and development for the system rollout. The group is also investigating the format for state consultations. The consultations will take place prior to requests for data and other outreach; it should be noted that only necessary information will be requested. Wilde added that one of the key questions is how operations will be handled at the differing levels of government; local outreach within each state will be critical to the success of the system as a whole.

Chris Tamarin reported the Oregon Broadband Council has conducted outreach efforts at various conferences this year to provide information on FirstNet and broadband activities. Also, Steve Noel has been recognized with the Outstanding Outreach award for his efforts with FirstNet and broadband. Information on the Broadband Advisory Council can be found at <http://www.oregon4biz.com/The-Oregon-Advantage/Telecommunications/oregon-broadband-council/>.

Lauer added that while attending the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) conference held during September in Denver, CO., the discussion transitioned to frequency allocation. Car manufacturers noted that frequencies may be at risk, and by extension the vehicle-to-vehicle communication feature related to accident avoidance technology that was introduced in the last two years. Frequency allocation remains a hot topic.

Tom Johnston inquired whether there is a concern that the FCC will revoke frequencies previously allocated. Chari Rakosi replied there is always a potential risk; however, it is unlikely the FCC will reverse its commitments at this point in the process.

Sean McSpaden inquired about the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP grant) and when Oregon may see the second phase of the funds. Kristi Wilde responded that the National Telecommunications Industry Association (NTIA), the agency which issued the grant, must acknowledge that the requested data has been received from a given state prior to the release of additional monies. In early 2013 when the SLIGP grant guidelines were developed, neither NTIA nor the state knew what or how much data FirstNet would require. As such the grant committee deemed it necessary to reserve 50 percent of the overall grant for Phase II work, which will focus on collected the requested data for FirstNet in preparation for the public safety broadband network. McSpaden expressed concern that the state may run out of money from the first grant phase prior to the release of the second grant phase. Wilde responded that FirstNet is aware of this concern. Information on the SLIGP grant can be found on the NTIA website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/state-and-local-implementation-grant-program>.

ADJOURN

Chair Rakosi queried the group for additional discussion topics. Hearing none, Chair Rakosi adjourned the November session of the SIEC at 2:04 pm.