



State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2012 – 1:30pm

Department of Public Safety Standards & Training | Hall of Heroes Conference Room
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On Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 1:38 p.m. Council Chair Rock Rakosi called the State Interoperability Executive Council to order.

ATTENDEES INCLUDE (Quorum)

Rock Rakosi, Chair
Craig Durbin
Luci Moore
Julie Pearson
Tom Lauer, *non-voting member*

Kristi Wilde, Vice Chair
Mike Duyck
Tami Dohrman
Mike Harryman
Steve Noel, *non-voting member*

Paul Bell
Kathy George
Mark Tennyson
Martin Plotner for Mike Caldwell

STATE RADIO PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

Installation of mountaintop repeaters is near completion; remaining locations will be addressed when weather conditions improve in the spring. Mobile radio installations for ODOT are also near completion; State Police installations are slated for a spring completion. The project has identified June 2013 as its target to begin the transition to narrowband. The project has also developed a revised communications plan; the plan is user-focused and is designed to ensure system users receive the kind of information they need and when.

The project has identified a budget shortfall. Staff are working with members of the project's legislative working group. Narrowband efforts are fully funded and are not in jeopardy. The project will conduct an evaluation to determine which project components, such as the trunked radio system and some microwave system elements, and to what extent the project could reduce the scope of work associated with those components.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE CONCEPT

Staff: Chair Rakosi

Chair Rakosi thanked Commissioner Kathy George and Vice-Chair Kristi Wilde for their help in shepherding the effort to develop the council's legislative concept; an additional thank you to Eric Schmidt of the Association of Oregon Counties and to June Carlson of the State Radio Project are necessary as well.

Commissioner George provided an overview of the council's progress to date, including note of the council's mission statement:

The mission of the Oregon State Interoperability Executive Council is to develop recommendations for policy and guidelines, identify technology and standards, and coordinate intergovernmental resources to facilitate statewide wireless communications interoperability with emphasis on public safety.

Commissioner George continued; efforts of the council and its members have brought together statewide partnerships and progress.

Commissioner George noted that council members should expect revisions to the document as it is prepared for session. One section that has not been resolved is which state department the SIEC will transition to once the State Radio Project has been completed; efforts are ongoing to identify an agency and a determination is expected by mid-January.

The Partnerships Committee unanimously approved the legislative concept in November. The committee is pleased to present the concept to the council to submit to legislative council and sponsorship. Vice Chair Wilde seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Wilde expressed her appreciation for the efforts of all those involved. This revision acknowledges the changes the council is working through, including the incorporation of broadband and FirstNet, and ensures a balanced voice between state and local members.

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Staff: Steve Noel

The Harris "BeOn" project includes a demonstration of the smart phone device in the Portland area, utilizing a technology similar to other smart phone applications. The "BeOn" device will allow field users to communicate with the established radio system. The device "talks" with the trunking switch as a standard radio does.

Chief Mike Duyck added that the implications for local governments may be significant. Traditional radios can cost \$5 thousand per unit; for cash-strapped agencies, this represents a viable option to manage an agency budget, while ensuring communications are not sacrificed.

Mike Harryman noted Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff are paying close attention to the efforts of the FirstNet board. The board has only met once, but progress is already apparent. For EMS personnel in Oregon there is a need to maintain viable connections with Washington and Idaho due to patient transfers across state lines. The establishment of alternative communications methods may prove more valuable than the council may understand at this time.

Currently, the City of Portland, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, as well as state agencies have agreed to participate in the pilot. Please contact Steve Noel if you or your agency is interested in participating in the "BeOn" project.

An electronic version of the state's Technical Field Operations Guide – known as the eFOG – has been developed for download. The application will undergo beta testing in December, with an anticipated release to the iTunes marketplace in January 2013. One benefit to the eFOG is that once downloaded, connectivity to the internet is not required, making the format ideal for use by incident command center personnel. The federal Office of Emergency Communications has offered to host the app on their server as well. Currently there are no restrictions to access; this follows suit behind the federal TICFOG. Should the state decide restrictions are needed, adjustment can be made easily.

OPEN DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

The next council meeting is scheduled for January 8; Chair Rakosi recommended the council reschedule for the second Tuesday in February as well as continue with meeting on a quarterly basis. Chief Duyck motioned for approval; Martin Plotner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Chair Rakosi adjourned the December session of the SIEC at 2:10 pm.