State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018 – 1:30pm
Department of Public Safety Standards & Training | Hall of Heroes Conference Room
4190 Aumsville Hwy SE | Salem, Oregon 97317
http://www.oregon.gov/SIEC/

SIEC members in attendance:
Mike Duyck, Luci Moore, Roger Johnson, Dave Stuckey, Brian Henson, Doug Grafe, Andrew Phelps, John Hartsock, Tom Johnston, Adam Haas, Rock Rakosi, Chris Tamarin, Joel Lujan.

Chair Rakosi convened the meeting. A quorum was present.

COUNCIL MINUTES
The minutes of the August, 2017 and November, 2017 SIEC meetings were reviewed. Tom Johnston moved to approve the August minutes. Mike Duyck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John Hartsock moved to approve the November minutes. Mike Duyck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTIONS
Staff: Chair Rock Rakosi
Rock Rakosi stepped down as Council Chair as his final term of service ended. Rock will still attend on behalf of OACP until his replacement is identified and onboarded. He nominated Chief Michael Duyck as the new Chair and Bob Cozzie to be the Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

SPOC/SWIC UPDATE – David Soloos
Soloos discussed a variety of initiatives that are in progress:
- Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) technical assistance (TA) for a study of the national interoperability channels/frequencies.
- Coordinating the annual radio conference for spring 2018.
- OEC TA project on NextGen 911 planning.
- OEC TA project to help re-establish an active COMU training, exercise and certification program.
- The National Governor's Association and OEC will host a worjkshop on improving governance in public safety communications in Portland on May 16-17; David will help build our contingent. The forum will focus on possible expansion of the SWIC role to include all public safety broadband and NextGen 911.
  A National Council of SWICs (NCSWIC) and SAFECOM joint meeting will also be held in Portland May 15-17.

Oregon declined to apply for the two-year $250,000 FirstNet grant. There is support for Broadband and FirstNet out of the General Fund budget. The same work can be accomplished through state resources and without the added layer of grant tracking and reporting requirements.

Shared that FEMA Region 10 is in strategic planning to develop a LMR Tower Resilience Study but has zero funding to date. It has the potential to be a visual assessment tool for the survivability of public safety radio networks after a seismic event. Hartsock noted that DOGAMI had similar visual reports but there were issues with inaccurate mapping.

David noted that he is unaware of anything in the 2018 State Legislative session that directly pertains to the SIEC. Tamarin noted that proposed HB 4023 includes the ability of the state to enter into public/private partnerships for telecommunications and network infrastructure expansion. This could have impacts as it may be easier to build fiber in some areas that could be used for backhaul to radio sites.

Duyck noted that conversations around net-neutrality are occurring and that we need to advocate for public safety exemptions so any legislation would not eliminate the ability to implement FirstNet. Sean McSpaden (audience) clarified the net-neutrality initiative is HB 4155; agreed that it needs to be looked at for multiple reasons and noted that 25-30 other states are addressing the same issue through legislation.

Soloos asked Bruce Richter of OEC to discuss the SAFECOM Survey. Richter reminded the SIEC about the survey and its importance to help inform the next National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP). Richter included a flyer as a handout and asked for help in reminding agencies to take the survey.

FIRSTNET and AT&T
Jeanette Kennedy of the FirstNet Authority thanked the SIEC for its involvement in the state plan review effort throughout 2017. She noted FirstNet logo changes for the initiative now distinguish between the federal FirstNet Authority and the products and services of FirstNet built by AT&T. The FirstNet Authority is formalizing agreements and task lists for AT&T's future work for each state.

Paul Braunstein of AT&T thanked the SIEC for its efforts to bring FirstNet to Oregon. He said that priority and preemption are available now, and that local control is in place which allows some classifications of people to be temporarily elevation as Extended Primary users to support Primary first responders. Extended users would be able to acquire and use priority but not preemption. Preemption is reserved for Primary users. Temporary Extended users would be de-elevated after an event.

Braunstein also said that applications for devices are being added to the application stores. There are 10 so far, and more are being created. A dedicated Help Desk is now live. A portfolio of satellite services are available. Enhanced push-to-talk is an option, with interoperability to LMR networks. There is also a subscriber-paid option (Bring Your Own Device, or BYOD) to put individual responders' devices on FirstNet.

Coming in the near future, the FirstNet Core will come on line; a FirstNet purpose-built Cell On Light Truck (COLT) deployable is coming to the area by the end of March and more are coming after. He noted that within the next 5 years, AT&T is planning to bring on 45 new tower sites in Oregon. He shared that AT&T is looking for help to understand what public or private infrastructure is available near planned tower search rings, and they would like maps of LMR antenna sites.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
Staff: John Hartsock for Bob Cozzie, Committee Chair

SIEC CHARTER UPDATE - Hartsock reviewed the proposed updates to the SIEC charter that the OEC TA project helped inform, including the stipulation that the Council will elect the Chair, rather than the Governor appointing a Chair. Mike Duyck moved to adopt the Charter. Roger Johnson seconded. Luci expressed that the Executive Committee's authority to take action by itself should only occur in an emergency or if something is very important, and that it should be transparent and report back out to the Council. Soloos pointed out that according to the Charter, decisions made by Executive Committee must be come to the full SIEC for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

SIEC POLICY UPDATES – Hartsock reviewed the proposed policy changes that the OEC TA project helped to inform. Adam Haas moved to adopt the policies. Mike Duyck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

STATE COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY PLAN (SCIP) UPDATE – Hartsock stated that the proposed update is specific to governance. The OEC TA project helped inform the update. Hartsock highlighted the need to put together a Partnership committee and stay more on track to achieve to the goals outlined in the SCIP. Adam Haas moved to adopt the SCIP Update. Tom Johnston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE. FirstNet Report.
Staff; Committee Chair Mike Duyck
The Broadband Committee discussed the role of the committee moving forward. The engagement with FirstNet and AT&T will continue. The committee will validate and represent public safety interests and communicate those to FirstNet/AT&T. A joint all-day workshop is being planned for March 12.; the first half will be a FirstNet/AT&T overview of solutions, and in the second half the Broadband Committee will lead a work session with public safety participants to outline priorities. The Technology Committee Chair, Rick Iverson, has expressed interest in helping with components of the effort and will serve as the liaison between the two committees. The Broadband Committee is adding monthly conference calls between quarterly face to face meetings. Duyck requested that Council members be communicating back to the organizations they represent to share info on the initiatives/opportunities. The SIEC and FirstNet in Oregon websites will be used to help communicate to the public safety community.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
Heidi Moawad gave a report from the Governor's Office. She answered questions on the recent FirstNet review and alternate RFP processes through the Governor's Office. She thanked Rock Rakosi for his continued service, involvement and commitment to the SIEC. She shared that the Governor's vision for the SIEC is that it will continue working as it has in the past to implement the SCIP and provide governance and recommendations on public safety communications issues.

Chair Rakosi and Vice Chair Duyck shared concerns with proposed HB 4155 and any other legislative initiatives specific to net neutrality and other provisions that could deter access to FirstNet. They restated the need to ensure that there is an exemption for public safety in any legislation. Moawad noted that she would meet with peers in her office who are assigned to the bill. She also offered to meet with Sean McSpaden in the Legislative Fiscal Office to learn more. Mike Duyck offered for the public safety representatives on the SIEC to be resources for Governor and her staff on any initiatives related to emergency communications.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Staff: Chair Rock Rakosi
Rock said Tom Johnston and Rob Reish have agreed to serve as Partnership Committee co-chairs. Rock nominated them to these positions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
No report.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT
Staff: Rick Iverson, Committee Chair
Iverson reported that survey work continues to help inform the National Interoperability Channel Study. He also reported that a COMU certification process/program is developing, supported by another OEC TA grant. The committee continues to work to employ ISSI systems to interconnect systems. Rick Iverson reiterated the committee's interest in helping with the FirstNet initiative.

Action Item: Iverson asked the Council to approve the WCN's 700 MHZ frequency use request; the Technical Committee recommended approval and letter of concurrence subject to certain SIEC policies.

Iverson moved to approve the request as conditioned. Second by Luci Moore. Tom Johnston and Mike Duyck abstained due to their roles on the WCCCA board and its relationship to the WCN. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Iverson asked the Council to approve the Washington State 700 MHz frequency use request. The Technical Committee recommended approval and a letter of concurrence with the condition that they operate the sites in question as remote sites, not repeaters. Roger Johnson moved to approve the request with the conditions. Mike Duyck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

STATE RADIO USERS GROUP (SRUG)
Staff: Luci Moore, Committee Chair
No report.

700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
Staff: John Hartsock, Committee Representative
No report.

RADIO SYSTEM REPORTS
WCN is in design with Motorola. Four sites are under construction and the goal is to complete them by the end of the calendar year.

The City of Salem purchased equipment and is looking for a new tower site.

OPEN DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & PUBLIC TESTIMONY –

Chief Duyck invited FirstNet/AT&T to offer an informal Q&A session after each SIEC meeting to discuss the progress of the FirstNet initiative.

ADJOURN
Hearing no other comments or business, Chair Rakosi adjourned the meeting.