



STATE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING

August 1st, 2023

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

In Person at DPSST

4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, OR 97317

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1. Call to Order – Bob Cozzie 1:30 PM

2. Updates & Announcements – Bob Cozzie

- **Announcements**

- ***Cloy Swartzendruber Retirement***

Chair Cozzie took a moment to recognize and acknowledge Cloy's service to the SIEC service representing Technology Officer of an Oregon City.

- ***New Members Introduced to the SIEC***

- *Maj. Alex Gardner, OSP*
- *David Martin, OMD*
- *Nick Green, Oregon Broadband Advisory Council*
- *Doug Grafe, Wildfire and Emergency Response Advisor to the Governor who is the new SIEC liaison to the Governor.*

- **Roll Call & Quorum Verification**

- Ryan Mikesh completed roll call and verified the council had quorum.

- **Review Council Agenda**

- The Broadband committee needed to be moved up in the meeting agenda so that Ben Gherezgiher could present the SPOT report early before he needed to leave.
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3. Council Minutes Approval – Bob Cozzie

- **Council Action:** Minutes from May 2023 Meeting

- Motion to approve minutes: Roger Johnson, second David Rudawitz
- The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.



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4. Council Action List – SIEC Membership

- **New Business**

- ***Vice Chair Nominations***

- Nominations were opened for the position of Vice Chair. Tony Debone received multiple nominations to serve as vice chair for the upcoming year and then transition into the role of chair.

- ***Vice Chair Elections****

- **Adam Haas motioned to elect Tony as the vice chair of the SIEC, and Roger Johnson seconded the motion.**
- **The motion to elect Tony DeBone was passed unanimously.**
- Tony DeBone expressed his appreciation for working alongside Roger Johnson on the SIEC. He values their partnership and Roger's dedication to maintaining the organization's continuity.

- ***COMU Exercise Funding Request****

- Aaron Fox asked the SIEC provide funding for logistical items in Union County to support the State of Oregon's all hazards communications unit exercise planned for this October in Union County.
- **John Hartsock made a motion allocate an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the COMU exercise, and David Rudawitz second the motion.**
- **The motion passed unanimously.**

- ***SPIRE Grants***

- Aaron Fox would like the SIEC to have a more formal role in providing guidance and recommendations on communications equipment funded through SPIRE grants or on the Homeland Security Grant committee to ensure the equipment follows SAFECOM and NECP guidance.
- William Chapman shared that Section 403.455 allows SIEC to suggest technology and policy solutions to the governor for improving interoperability. The SCIP appendix has raised the number of 700 MHz radios in the cache area. In the upcoming SCIP, one possibility is to identify the equipment that Oregon should reinvest in and include it in the grant guidance provided to OEM by SIEC.
- Matt Marheine stated that the Oregon Homeland Security Advisory Council approves SPIRE equipment, but the committee does not specify what should be purchased. OEM relies on SWIC, a committee member, to advise and assess the components needed for projects approved within the state structure. Various representatives from around the state also evaluate these projects for their merit, value, and appropriateness for grants. The SPIRE grant program aims to ensure that future purchases of communications components meet the state's requirements. OEM is developing a strategy that aligns with SAFECOM and the state's technical expertise to



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serve as the foundation for any investment program, whether SPIRE or Homeland Security grants. Maintaining flexibility in the Homeland Security program is crucial because purchases must cater to each community's specific needs and capabilities and its systems. OEM sets some foundational expectations for capability, interoperability, and functionality. Oregon's radio and communications environment is diverse and must be tailored to meet the resilient needs of each community. OEM strives to address the weakest link challenge and brings everyone up to a certain standard before investing in cutting-edge technology. The state's grants are now smaller, ranging from three to five million dollars, and distribution methodologies have changed. OEM will collaborate with the SIEC and others to ensure investments in the most appropriate communication technology for the benefit of all jurisdictions, moving forward together.

- John Hartsock stressed the significance of interoperability and expressed concern about local jurisdictions moving away from it by using outdated technology. Local jurisdictions must consider how they can achieve interoperability to meet their needs.
- David Rudawitz suggests determining which capabilities these programs support. In the past, large sums of money have been spent on fancy equipment that collects dust on agency shelves because they don't know how to use or maintain it. We want to avoid this situation by identifying gaps and working towards closing them. Our role should focus on two areas: first, in the Homeland Security grant's capabilities, and second, in acquiring specific equipment for the state's catalog, which can be granted through the SPIRE grant program.

5. Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

- **Executive Committee – Bob Cozzie**

- *Executive Appointments Status Update*

New members were introduced at the beginning of the meeting, but we still have two vacancies - one from OHA and one from the City IT Officer. Nick Green has completed onboarding sessions and sessions for the other new members are scheduled. If you're interested in a refresher, please let Bob or William know, and they will be happy to schedule some time to run you through the information.

- **Strategic Planning Committee – John Hartsock**

- *NG-911 Working Group Report*

The NG-911 Working Group has been inactive lately because the strategic plan has been completed. The executive steering committee is scheduled to meet soon, and work is still ongoing behind the scenes. OEM is developing a website with an information hub to update everyone on their schedule and progress. One of the most significant work areas is GIS, which the State is handling. Although progress has been slower than expected, a lot is happening, and we should see significant advancements later this year.



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- *Charter Updates*
 - *Partnership*

The Partnership Charter was ready to vote in this meeting, but some last-minute adjustments were needed. As a result, it will be sent back to the Strategic Planning Committee for further fine-tuning. The revised charter version will be presented for voting during the next meeting.
 - *Broadband*

Awaiting an update from the committee.
 - *COMUWG*

Awaiting an update from the committee.
 - *SIEC Charter & Bylaws*

The SIEC Charter and Bylaws require updating after passing House Bill 2266, which altered the quorum requirements. The updated charter and bylaws should be prepared for voting at the November meeting.
 - *2023/24 SCIP Update and Markers Assessment*

Markers Assessment: 08/04/23 - Virtual
- *Next Meeting: TBD-October in-person for SCIP Review*
- **Broadband Committee – Chief Michael Hussey**
 - *SPOC Report – Brett Johnson, FirstNet Authority*

Ben Gherezgihier recently participated in the five-by-five training held in San Diego. The FirstNet Authority has released its new roadmap for 2023, approved by the new CEO, Joe Wassel. The roadmap focuses on improving the core, moving towards the next generation of 5G technology, and enhancing coverage. There has been significant progress in location-based services, with advancements in Z-axis technology, improved voice communication, and push-to-talk capabilities. Some users are transitioning towards an interface between LMR and LTE technologies to enhance the user experience.
 - *No Committee Updates*
 - *Next Meeting: TBD*
- **Technical Committee – Rick Iverson**
 - *Meeting Report*
 - *TIC-FOG Updates*
 - *MCPTT White Paper Updates*
 - *Next Meeting: TBD*
- **Partnership Committee – Tony DeBone**
 - *Newsletter Update*



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- *Next Meeting: August 24th*

6. SWIC Report – William Chapman

- Technical Assistance Request Report
- PSAP Cybersecurity Webinar - Complete
- COMT 09/25/23 thru 09/29/23 – Bend, OR
- Regional COML TtT Accepted. TBD based on student readiness. (Virtual)
- COMEX – October 18th and 19th – Union County, Oregon
- COML
- AUXCOM
- ITSL
- CASM Bootcamp
- CISA Updates – CISA Staff

7. SCIP Implementation Report – John Hartsock

8. Legislative Updates – William Chapman

- [HB 2266](#): Modifies membership of State Interoperability Executive Council.
- [HB 2052](#): Provides that data broker may not collect, sell or license brokered personal data within this state unless data broker first registers with Department of Consumer and Business Services

9. Regional Interoperability Committee Reports

- WORJIC Report – Doug Primmer

WORJIC addresses issues between border states in the lower Columbia basin. The Executive Council is looking for a replacement Secretary. WORJIC is establishing its goals and objectives for the upcoming years. The Oregon counties in WORJIC include Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, and Umatilla, while the Washington counties have Klickitat, Walla Walla, Skamania, Benton, Franklin, and Yakima. The committee is creating an introductory one-pager and PowerPoint presentation to share with agencies for potential participation. The Chair and Vice Chair will present these materials to county commissioners and city councils to gain support and financial assistance. The next meeting will be held virtually on September 5th at 10 AM and interested parties can contact the SWIC team for a link to the meeting.

10. Round Table (SIEC Member Reports, questions, public testimony)

- **Public Testimony**
Barry Shullanberger, Lake County Commissioner



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Last week, a fire in Klamath County caused an Internet outage in Lake County. The fire damaged a significant amount of fiber that serves Lake County. The situation in the county was temporarily fixed with the help of Lumen. It required a lot of effort from everyone involved, and we appreciate everyone's hard work to resolve the issue. FirstNet and AT&T were part of the solution. However, few citizens in Lake County use AT&T, and the company's contract did not help the public much. While AT&T has a tower north of Lakeview, people weren't aware of its purpose for a long time. FirstNet provided equipment to assist Lake County's dispatch center and hospital, but there was some confusion about what was needed. I want to emphasize that AT&T-FirstNet might not be the right company to rely on in an area where Verizon is the primary provider.

11. Adjourn

2023 Schedule	Jan	Feb 14	Mar	Apr	May 9	Jun	Jul	Aug 1	Sep	Oct	Nov 14	Dec
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MEETING MATERIALS – The meeting will begin at 1:30 PM and is planned to proceed chronologically through the agenda. For agenda and meeting materials please visit <http://www.oregon.gov/SIEC/>.

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