November 14th, 2023

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order – Bob Cozzie 1:30 PM

2. Updates & Announcements – Bob Cozzie

- **Announcements**
  - **New Members**

    Chair Cozzie took a moment to recognize new members that are joining the SIEC.
    - Travis Luckey, City IT Officer (City of Beaverton)
    - Amani Atallah, Oregon Health Authority (EMS & Trauma Systems Program)
  - **2024 SIEC Meeting Dates**
    - February 13th
    - May 14th
    - August 13th (In Person)
    - November 12th
- **Roll Call & Quorum Verification – EIS Support**

  Jazmine Martin completed roll call and verified the council had quorum.
- **Review Council Agenda – Bob Cozzie**

3. Council Minutes Approval – Bob Cozzie

- **Council Action**: Minutes from August Meeting

  Motion to approve minutes: Roger Johnson, second Tony DeBone.

  The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

4. Council Action List – SIEC Membership (*indicates potential Council action)

- **New Business**
  - **ECSO Radio Project Overview – Tim Doney, ECSO Director**

    Tim Doney shared details about the public safety radio project he and his team are working on. The project involves building a new radio system in Jackson County to serve around 30 police and fire agencies, including federal partners. The project's goal is to replace the old radio system, which was found inadequate in a recent study. Although a bond measure was passed to fund the project, supply chain issues and inflation have caused the need for additional funds. ECSO has contacted state partners, local legislators, and their congressional delegation to secure the necessary funding for support. They hope their project will gain the attention of the state and the

SIEC.

Rick Iverson asked Tim if they would be willing to be at the next technical committee to do an overview of the system and some of the challenges that they are facing.

- **Partnership Committee Charter Approval**

With the ongoing effort to keep sub-committee charters current, the Partnership Committee updated its charter. The revised charter was sent out as part of the meeting packet and was up for approval by SIEC.

A motion to approve Partnership Committee Charter was made by: Tony DeBone, second Michael Harman.

The motion was approved unanimously for the Partnership Committee Charter.

- **Old Business**

  - **SPIRE Grants – Carole Sebens, ODEM**

  Carol Stevens, with OEM, oversees EMPG and SPIRE grants. SPIRE grants fund emergency equipment for local governments funded by bond sales. OEM retains ownership of the equipment awarded under SPIRE grants, but local agencies use and maintain the equipment. Eligible recipients include local governments, Indian tribes, and tax-exempt private organizations, excluding state agencies.

  The equipment allocation process involves prioritizing community needs and incorporating feedback through surveys and meetings. Applications for SPIRE three are due soon.

  OEM seeks SIEC members to participate in the review committee as subject matter experts for equipment specifications and proposals to ensure that the equipment purchased is interoperable for better utilization and future funding prospects. If you want to join the review committee, you can go onto our website and submit your name there.

  [SPIRE Review Committee Application](#)

5. **Committee Reports – Committee Chairs**

- **Executive Committee – Bob Cozzie**

  - **Executive Appointments Status Update**

    - There will be two new council positions from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office and a member of the Emergency Management Community at large in 2024. OEM's Deputy Director Patence Winningham has applied to fill the OEM's vacancy on the council. Additionally, upcoming vacancies in 2024 will significantly affect leadership, and eight reappointments, many of which expire in July. The report requests those up for reappointment to submit their paperwork by mid-February to maintain continuity with the SIEC. If you don't plan on serving a second term, please let William Chapman know to also plan for that.

- **Strategic Planning Committee – John Hartsock**

  - **Charter Updates**

- **Broadband-** a draft received of the updated charter for the Broadband Committee. The draft is currently under review and will be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee. The approval for it will be sought at the February meeting of the SIEC.

- **COMUWG-** draft of charter pends from the committee.

- **SIEC Charter & Bylaws-** will be updated for the February meeting, with adjustments made to accommodate the two new members approved by the legislature and other minor changes.

- **NG-911 Working Group Update – Bob Cozzie**

  Next NG-911 steering committee is scheduled to meet **December 14th, 2023**.

- **2023/24 SCIP Update-**

  - Cybersecurity and Technology – Rural Areas Webinar – November 21st

  - SCIP Development Workshop – Salem – December 12th

- **Next Meeting: January 25th, 2024**

- **Broadband Committee – William Chapman**

  - **SPOC Report**

    After completion of the Oregon FirstNet build-out, the committee plans to validate the coverage of Oregon FirstNet throughout the state and expand the radio frequency coverage in specific areas after its completion. Moreover, the committee strives for interoperable Mission-Critical Push-to-Talk (PTT) for mutual aid on basic and advanced subscription levels. This initiative is particularly significant for rural areas that could benefit from expanded access to radio systems using broadband with the FirstNet PTT Rapid Response application. Three new sites were launched as part of the original build-out in 2023, and I have listed their names in the chat. Additionally, three more new sites will be launched before the end of the year, bringing the total number of new sites to six. This will result in a 10.5% increase in Oregon organization's adoption and a 9% increase in overall connections.

  - **Committee Updates**

    The Broadband Committee has submitted its charter for review with the strategic planning and executive committees.

  - **FirstNet Update – Paul Braunstein, FirstNet ATT**

    The FirstNet Rapid Response feature is valuable for mutual aid between FirstNet Push-to-Talk users. It enables users to create a talk group that can be shared with any local, statewide, or FirstNet customer nationwide. Patching, on the other hand, involves taking talk groups from different shared talk routes of different agencies, including LMR talk groups, that may be shared through interoperability and the web dispatch console. The web dispatch console is the push-to-talk application that allows users to dynamically turn these mutual talk groups on and off. This feature is free and provides additional capabilities to the rapid response application.

  - **Next Meeting: TBD**

- **Technical Committee – Rick Iverson & Aaron Fox**

  - The committee reviewed the SCIP objectives assigned to them. One of the objectives is the Mission Critical Push-To-Talk white paper, which is currently in its second draft and has been sent to the Tech Committee for review. The committee is discussing how to achieve SCIP goal 4.3, and they are considering exploring grant funding opportunities to add fixed interoperable gateways to actual radio sites to improve interoperability. They also discussed whether to make a bylaw change, move the Communications Working Communications Unit Working Group (COMUWG) out of the Technical Committee, and make it a subcommittee. There was also talk about adding outreach as a SCIP goal to develop a cooperative project. The committee sees a need to update the trunk system document, initially compiled by the SIEC in 2017, as part of a SCIP goal. They also discussed creating a higher-level document aimed at council members, city managers, police and fire chiefs, and decision-makers. This document will highlight the current state of emergency communications and its ecosystem, covering cellular push-to-talk, LMR, and satellite communications. The emphasis would be on the importance of long-term infrastructure investment and maintenance funds.

  - **Next Meeting: January 16th, 2024**

- **Partnership Committee – Tony DeBone & Ryan Mikesh**

  - During the committee's last meeting on October 19th, the members discussed the committee's charter, which was submitted to the council for approval. The committee is currently working on developing a quarterly newsletter. There was some delay in deciding whether the SIEC should contribute to EIS's newsletter or have their own. Now that we have received approval for the SIEC to have its own newsletter, we plan to release the first issue in January 2024. The newsletter will be distributed using Gov Delivery. If you have any valuable, helpful information for the community, please send it our way. We are actively seeking content for the newsletter, especially related to interoperability. We will do our best to include it in our newsletters. Watch for the SIEC's Quarterly Newsletter and share the sign-up link with anyone who might benefit from gaining information on interoperability in Oregon. The newsletter aims to inform the public about the services and opportunities available to assist and improve interoperability across the state. Additionally, the committee has been developing a regional interoperability toolkit, which will be added to the SIEC's website for groups to use as a resource to create regional interoperability committees across the state.

  - **Next Meeting: December 14th, 2023**

6. **SWIC Report – William Chapman**

- In September, a COMT course was held at the Bend ODOT yard with 14 students. TAs for train-the-trainer are still in process, and four have been deferred until the passing of a federal budget. A funding shortfall for TAs next year is expected. In August, SWI presented at the Oregon Association of Government IT Managers on IT's role in disaster response and ICS. A presentation was also made at the International Council on Systems Engineering Western Regional Conference on the SWIC's role in governance, emergency communications ecosystem, and systems of systems approach to interoperability. In October, cross-carrier interoperability was discussed at the Oregon Emergency Management Association Conference, and COMEX was held in Hermiston with around 70 participants from 40 different agencies.

The in-person SCIP workshop is scheduled for December 12th at the Department of Fish and Wildlife in Salem.

- **CISA Updates – Bruce Richter**

CISA has launched a new campaign called Shield's Ready. The campaign urges people to be prepared for the failure of primary communication systems. People should have a PACE plan (Primary, Alternate, Contingency, and Emergency) to communicate during critical infrastructure disruptions. Natural threats are as real as manmade ones, and people should have a backup communication plan.

7. SCIP Objective Review – John Hartsock

- Time was spent looking at the SCIP objectives that are still in progress or have yet to start to determine if they are something the SIEC wants to carry over to the next SCIP. Things carried over to the next SCIP would likely not have the exact language SCIP, but the intent behind the goal or objective.

8. Regional Interoperability Committee Reports

- **WORJIC Report – Doug Primmer**

The Secretary of its executive committee has recently resigned from the position. They were replaced by Sheridan McClellan from Wasco County. The committee has completed its goals and objectives, similar to those of SCIP. Champions have been assigned for each goal. WORJIC is creating a one-pager to promote the committee's work and encourage more people to participate. The next meeting of WORJIC will be held virtually on December 5th at 10 am.

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

- **Joe Messman, ODOT**

The update is related to interoperability with the ISSI. Progress has been made with Umatilla-Morrow in getting that ISSI operational. OSP has cut over to the trunk system over there. ODOT will be moving over to that system shortly. There is also a connection with WCN, which now allows work with the City of Portland. Testing of that connection is taking place this week. OSP will start first due to the immediate need with some of the saturation patrols happening in the Portland area.

- **Adam Haas, Tribal Representative**

He updated the SIEC on some developments in Warm Springs regarding the Confederate Tribe of Warm Springs. He is working with the tribe to establish the Beaver Butte site for FirstNet and is doing his best to push this forward. The tribe is already working on developing the site, and if things change, AT&T is ready to step in and take over. His goal is to get this site developed before August, when he leaves the SIEC. The site is on Highway 26 at the northern end of the reservation, a heavily traveled highway requiring radio coverage. He is also concerned about the secondary PSAP in Warm Springs. They have two major issues: funding and staffing. After Frontier 911 absorbed this area, the funding for Warm Springs PSAP disappeared. Warm Springs wants local dispatchers to answer calls and dispatch in the tribal area.

- **David Rudawitz, Independent Member of the Public**

The energy community has performed a major nationwide Grid X Seven exercise. The exercise involves testing cyber activity, physical attacks, and attacks on personnel. The California Independent System

Operators coordinate the electrical grid to the west and the Rockies to the west. HF radio on SHARES frequencies is being tested for communication between several entities, including Bonneville Power and PGE. The California Independent System Operators have set up a virtual EOC for observers to log in and watch what's happening. The exercise demonstrates the interactions between the electrical utility industry and communications, and telecom suppliers in California are observing the activity.

10. Adjourn – Bob Cozzie 3:25 PM

2023 Schedule	Jan	Feb 14	Mar	Apr	May 9	Jun	Jul	Aug 1	Sep	Oct	Nov 14	Dec

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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