



State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2014 – 1:30pm
Department of Public Safety Standards & Training | Hall of Heroes Conference Room
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On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 1:35 p.m. Council Chair Rock Rakosi called the State Interoperability Executive Council to order.

ATTENDEES INCLUDE (Quorum)

Rock Rakosi, Chair
Mike Duyck
Paul Bell
Mark Tennyson for Dave Ferre
Rick Iverson, *non-voting member*

Bob Cozzie
Tami Dorhman
Tom Johnston
Tom Lauer, *non-voting member*

Joe Kuran
Dave Stuckey
Luci Moore
Steve Noel, *non-voting member*

COUNCIL MINUTES

Staff: Chief Rock Rakosi, Chair

Chair Rakosi inquired whether there were any changes to the draft minutes for the Nov. 12, 2013 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Rakosi requested a motion. Dave Stuckey motioned to approve minutes from the November session. Joe Kuran seconded the motion; all were in favor. The minutes will stand.

CHAIRS REPORT

Staff: Chief Rock Rakosi, Chair

Chair Rakosi reminded the council of the ongoing legislative session. The bill from last session, Senate Bill 665, was reintroduced this session as House Bill 4031. The bill was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness committee; the next review will be conducted by Ways and Means. Tom Lauer is scheduled to testify Thursday, Feb. 13; although HB 4301 is not included on the official agenda, Lauer may be asked questions about it.

STATE RADIO PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

Tom Lauer reiterated that HB 4301 has been reintroduced to the legislature, using the same content of SB 665. With the leg work done during the previous session, along with the follow up work done during the fall by DAS and ODOT, the bill is well-positioned to be approved this session. Lauer continued, of all the bills under review this session, HB 4301 is the only bill that ODOT has endorsed. HB 4301 was first reviewed by the committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness Committee and has been passed on to Ways and Means. As noted by Chair Rakosi, Lauer will be testifying in front of Ways and Means on Thursday Feb. 13 to discuss FirstNet and the State Radio Project. Lauer anticipates there may be questions related to HB 4301, specifically questions related to the transition from ODOT to DAS. Thus far, Lauer has not heard negative comments regarding HB 4301, and is hopeful that it will be successful.

The efforts of the radio project are progressing; the staff is looking forward to a robust construction season this summer. Repeater installations are progressing; all of the 138 existing sites have been upgraded. Office remote installations are ongoing and radio deployments are complete. Microwave installation continue to progress; 34 percent of the site-to-site hops have been installed. Trunked radio system work is progressing, with procurement efforts 85 percent complete.

COUNCIL CHARTER REVIEW

Staff: Bob Cozzie

Bob Cozzie referred to the agenda packet. The request for approval of the proposed charter edits has been delayed until the next meeting, scheduled for May. The Strategic Planning Committee has previously shared the proposed edits with the council; however, the committee decided it best to wait until the corresponding legislation is passed before updating the charter to ensure alignment between the two. Cozzie requested council members review the charter document and submit input to Cozzie or to Kourtney Largent. The Strategic Planning Committee will review any additional recommendations and present the charter for review during the May session.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Bob Cozzie, Committee Chair

Bob Cozzie had no additional updates for the council.

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Chair Rakosi

Chair Rakosi reported that with the departure of Commissioner Kathy George last fall, the position of Partnership Committee Chair has been vacant. Chair Rakosi asked Commissioner Mike Smith, who replaced Commissioner George as the representative for the Association of Oregon Counties, to also replace the commissioner as the committee chair, which he has graciously accepted.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Rick Iverson, Committee Chair

Rick Iverson reported that the Woodburn Police department has begun deployment of a non-P25 radio system, which is not compatible with any other system in the state. Iverson intends to take this to the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator to request the details of the department's long-term interoperability plan.

As a follow up to the ISSI workshop held prior to the council meeting in November, the technical nuances needed to present a plan continues to be an ongoing effort.

The topic of fleet mapping has been brought up and discussed by the members of the Technical Committee. Fleet mapping involved an intricate numbering system used to identify equipment, and has historically been based on the county of origin. The committee is recommending the state move to a regional numbering system to ensure unique numbers are used. Joe Kuran will lead the effort, drafting a white paper on the issue. Once systems are brought online, there cannot be duplication of numbers. This inherently requires there be a cooperative effort, not just with the boundaries of the state, but also across borders.

The committee has also identified the concern related to technology versus policy. The committee is positioned to investigate the possibilities that any given system can provide, but it requires direction from the users to ensure their goals are met and system includes what is needed. Once the Partnership Committee has regrouped, the Technical Committee will engage the group to jointly address the issue.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Mike Duyck, Committee Chair

Mike Duyck reported the Broadband Committee continues to be slow in getting started. Chief Duyck is planning the first meeting for March, with the first order of business being development of a charter document. Members are still needed; if anyone is interested in participating, please contact Chief Duyck or Kourtney Largent.

STATE RADIO USERS GROUP REPORT

Staff: Luci Moore, Committee Representative

Luci Moore reported the SRUG continues to meet monthly. Recent discussions have included expectations for decision making from Rob Reish, manager of the Wireless Communications Section. Such as how the committee will address necessary changes or updates, such as budget updates, and the processes associated with those actions.

700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Staff: Joe Kuran, Committee Representative

Joe Kuran reported there has been little activity related to management of the 700 MHz planning committee, while the Region 35 continues to review license requests.

Related to Region 35 business, Kuran is often involved in cases of perceived frequency interference, designated by APCO to ensure a letter of concurrence is established between the two or more agencies involved. As APCO enforces a time limit that an application may be in progress; Kuran is notified when an application is outstanding and requires his involvement. Kuran is designated to contact the requesting agency and/or licensing firm, notifying them that an LOC is needed. In many cases, multiple follow up attempts are needed to confirm the LOC has been issued. Furthermore, the existing frequency holder often does not respond to the LOC issued by the requesting agency, leaving the issued unresolved and the requesting agency unsure of why the issue remains unsettled.

Given the strategic direction in which the council is moving, Kuran inquired whether this function should be transitioned to and absorbed by the council. The objectives of the council are related to the overall effort of frequency management and sharing. Furthermore, the letters may carry more weight, eliciting prompt responses, should they come from the council rather than from Kuran alone.

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Staff: Steve Noel

Steve Noel introduced Bruce Richter and Brandon Smith, who were on site from the Office of Emergency Management to attend the meeting. FEMA Region X has initiated efforts to produce a database on the mobility assets found in the region to aid federal employees when they are brought in to support an event. The results of this effort will be similar to what was produced for the TICFOG, but on a regional level.

Since 2007, the federal technical assistance program has distributed over \$1 million to Oregon, allowing for training opportunities and advancing the coordination between the disparate agencies. Recent TA funds have gone to engineering for a new system in Jackson County, planning and development for system updates in Warm Springs, and system updates on the coast.

The public safety library has released an application, available through iTunes and Google Play, that includes FirstNet documentation and information on the tactical interoperability plans.

The outreach efforts of 2013 were very successful. The next step will be to collect state-specific data required by FirstNet; the formal list of which is pending. FirstNet will likely have a small team of staff based in each region during the next few years to help the regions with their respective deployment efforts. The Region X staff will likely be based in California.

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Chair Rakosi queried the group and the audience for additional discussion topics. Hearing none, Chair Rakosi adjourned the February session of the SIEC at 2:09 pm.