STATE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING

August 12, 2026

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Virtual Meeting
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1. Call to Order

Roll Call & Quorum Verification –Support Staff

- Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM

Quorum = 13

Name	Department	Attendance
Chair Tony DeBone	Association of Oregon Counties	P
Vice-Chair Mike Harman	County IT Officer	P
Scott Branco	Department of Public Safety Standards & Training	P
Chief Darren Bucich	Oregon Fire Chiefs Association	P
Eric Bush	Member of the Oregon Emergency Management Community	A
Forrest Chambers	Member of Dept. of State Fire Marshal	P
Dir. Bob Cozzie	Public Safety Comm Org.	P
Chief Mark Daniel	Association of Chiefs of Police	P
Rep. Paul Evans	State Rep (non-voting)	A
Aaron Fox	FCC Region 35	A
Brandon Fowler	Special District Association of Oregon	P
Maj. Alex Gardner	Oregon State Police	P
Ben Gherezgiher	Office of the State CIO	P
Nicholas Green	Oregon Broadband Advisory Council	P
Eli Grove	Tribal Representative	P
Nick Hunter	Oregon Sheriffs' Association	A
Travis Luckey	City IT Officer	P
Brad Melendy	Oregon Military Department	P
Joe Messman	Oregon Dept of Transportation	P
Brian Quigley	Oregon Dept of Forestry	P
Patence Winningham	Oregon Emergency Management	P
Adam Wagner	Oregon Health Authority	P
Sen. Broadman	State Senator (non-voting)	-
VACANT	Public at large	-
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Anthony Jorajuria	Dept of Corrections	P
VACANT	League of Oregon Cities	-

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2. Updates & Announcements

Announcements

Welcome Message – Chair Tony DeBone

- Chair DeBone opened the meeting, noting this will be his final year serving and that Vice Chair Mike Harmon is retiring. Discussion will be needed regarding future SIEC leadership. November's meeting is planned for **November 12** instead of November 11 due to Veterans Day.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2026

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3. Council Agenda and Minutes Approval – Tony DeBone

Council Action: Review and approve minutes from June 2026 meeting.

- June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Motion by Forrest Chambers
- Second by Brandon Fowler and Mark Daniel
- No opposition; one abstention (Chair DeBone)
- Motion passed.

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4. Leadership Transition

- *Chair DeBone discussed upcoming vacancies and encouraged nominations for Chair/Vice Chair for 2027.*
- *Patence Winningham nominated Forrest Chambers (OSFM) for Chair or Vice Chair, pending agency approval.*
- *Chambers expressed willingness to serve once internal review is complete.*
- *Additional discussion will occur prior to November, including a possible executive session to prepare*

5. Appointment Updates

- Jon Lee reported applications are still being processed through the Governor's Office. Certain association seats (e.g., AOC) are pending action.

6. Telecommunications Infrastructure Damage Task Force

- Jon Lee proposed forming a statewide task force due to a significant increase in fiber cuts, vandalism, and other telecom disruptions affecting 911.
- Participants invited to email the SWIC office to join.
- Discussion included examples of fiber damage, redundancy issues, and recent reward programs (e.g., Verizon offering $25,000 for vandalism tips).
- Task force will coordinate information-sharing, risk identification, and mitigation strategies.

7. Critical Infrastructure Protection

- OEM staff and partners highlighted the growing need to coordinate critical infrastructure mapping during fire incidents.
- OEM's OEC3 Watch Center now provides 24/7 alerting via Everbridge.
- New statewide evacuation mapping tool (Genesis) is in use and integrates with platforms such as Watch Duty.
- Emphasis on improving site protection notifications, reducing redundant alerts, and supporting IMTs with accurate threat mapping.

8. Wildfire Detection Camera Interoperability Committee

- Leland O'Driscoll (UO Oregon Hazards Lab) provided a detailed quarterly report:
- ~190 wildfire cameras statewide; coverage gaps noted in eastern and central regions.
- Cameras captured 127 confirmed detections in July, 25% being first detections.
- Some sites have been damaged by fire (e.g., Flag Point).
- Interoperability pilot underway to integrate ODF camera feeds with AlertWest.
- Ongoing work to standardize detection data, improve integration with dispatch systems, track performance metrics, and support future expansion.

9. OEC3 and OEM Operations

Director McMahon reported:

- OEC3 Watch Center now fully operational with improved alerting and situational awareness tools.
- Weekly coordination calls with private-sector critical infrastructure partners during wildfire season.
- Emphasis on consequence management, protection of vital systems, and integration of hazard data.

10. Cybersecurity and Technology Issues

Federal partners (CISA, FEMA) noted recent cyber alerts involving vulnerabilities in edge routers and IoT risks. State participants discussed challenges for small utilities using outdated control systems and the need for updated security practices.

11. SPIRE Grant Program and Communications Equipment Deployments

- OEM provided updates on statewide SPIRE-funded communications assets:
- COML kits with tri-band gateways, Starlink, CradlePoint, solar, batteries, cables.
- Mobile repeaters and site-on-wheels deployments.
- New command trailers and communications vehicles under construction for various counties.
- Additional radio kits (BKR9000 tri-band) distributed statewide.
- Training and credentialing activities (COML, COMT) are ongoing to expand Oregon's deployable communications bench.

12. Regional Interoperability Committees

- WORJIC fall summit scheduled for October 27; location TBD.
- Portland UASI RAIN group undergoing restructuring; new multi-agency leadership group forming to ensure broad representation.

13. State 9-1-1 Program Update

Pat Lustig, OEM

- NG911 rollout progressing; test center operations underway.
- MetCom will be the first PSAP cutover after testing.
- Additional PSAP deployments scheduled sequentially; data workbooks in progress.
- Roadshow outreach concluded with strong participation.

14. Carrier Updates

ATT/FirstNet:

- 57k connections in Oregon; 8.4M nationally.
- Successful network performance during FIFA events.
- Launch of first standalone 5G core dedicated to public safety.
- New FirstNet Fusion push-to-talk platform.
- Expanded roaming agreements with Verizon and T-Mobile (coverage based on specific geographic areas).

Verizon:

- 33 new macro sites added in Oregon this year.
- 118 sites upgraded to 5G Ultra Wideband with gig fiber backhaul.
- Major rural expansion (Meacham, Tillamook, Toledo, Cave Junction, Glide, Enterprise, etc.).
- 25 recent wildfire-related deployments statewide (equipment, in-building support, satellite backhaul).

15. Other Items and Announcements

- Technical Committee now co-chaired by Mitch Hodges and Aaron Fox.
- LOC seat appointment still needed; outreach underway.
- Leadership vote expected at next meeting

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16. Adjourn – 3:30 PM

Chair DeBone adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM

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2025 Schedule	Jan	**Feb 11**	Mar	Apr	**May 6**	Jun	Jul	**Aug 12**	Sep	Oct	**Nov ***	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 https://www.oregon.gov/eis/siec/Pages/about.aspx

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