



Statewide Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Feb 14, 2019

Department of Safety and Homeland Security, 303 Transportation Circle, Dover, DE
2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Robert Coupe - Chair/Secretary DSHS
Gene Donaldson, DelDOT
Joe Thomas – Sussex County
Warren Jones - DVFA
Mark Cabry – DTI
Timothy Sexton – DHSS
Patricia Gannon - PSC

Members Absent:

LTC Garland Pennington – DE NG
Timothy Radcliffe – DOC
Jeff Miller – NCC/PSC
Matt Riemann – City of Wilmington
Joseph Hughes – LLG
Chief Scott Collins – DE Police Chiefs Council
Romain L. Alexander – Office of the Gov.
Collin Faulkner – Kent County

Attendees:

Carl Luft – LLG
Mark Bucklew – DelDOT
Tamara Burton – CCP
Mark heck – DE NG
Isabella Kaplan - DTI
Marty McClain – DHS/CISA/ECD
Joseph Mulford - DSP
Robbie Hunt – DivComm
John Gilliams – E911
Lisa Morris – DOJ
Tom Kadunce - DivComm
Kevin Sipple – Kent County
Rob Walls – ATT/FirstNet
Lori Stone – ATT/FirstNet

Welcome Remarks – Robert Coupe, Chair

The meeting was called to order with introductions at 9:05 a.m. by Sec. Coupe.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting – Motion to approve made by Warren Jones, second by Mark Cabry. Approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Updates

Operations

Gene Donaldson discussed governance and management of emerging technologies which are tied to the 700/800MHz Public Safety Communications system. Primary focus is the Broadband/FirstNet initiatives which can be tied into the 800MHz system. A motion was made by Sec Coupe to have the operational subcommittee investigate and develop policies to be brought to the SIEC for approval on all emerging technologies which could affect the Public safety Communications systems. Joe Thomas made a motion to approve, Warren Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Training and Exercise

Tom Kadunce briefed 800 MHz technical training is still on going.

Motorola will be contacting the PSAP's to start scheduling console operator training. This will start at KENTCOM and expand from there.

Division of Communications Director Robbie Hunt is working on a joint exercise between the Division of Communications and the National Guard.

Scheduled Business Meeting

800 & 700 MHz System Update

Robbie Hunt briefed 700/800MHz systems was business as usual, preventative and minor maintenance were ongoing. We are seeing a reduction in call outs since the microwave backbone has been replaced as part of the technology refresh project.

800 MHz Technology Refresh Update

Robbie Hunt briefed that the Tech Refresh project is going smoothly, we are currently on time and slightly under budget.

P25 Radio Update

Robbie Hunt briefed that the TDMA upgrade in Sussex County is nearly complete. The last Fire Company on the list is Bethany Beach VFC and they are scheduled for 20 Feb 19. This will complete the primary responders. Secondary responders may need to be visited.

Broadband Update

Robbie Hunt briefed that the Gov. Broadband dessert initiative is moving forward. There are currently two private vendors on State owned towers who are providing broadband internet to approximately 60 rural Sussex County users as part of a test project. The Sussex County Director of Information Technology is working with 3 additional vendors to expand the project.

On the National Broadband front FirstNet is moving forward with the expansion of their tower assets.

Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Update

Robbie Hunt briefed that the Division of Communications is working with the Department of Homeland Security, Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency to lay the ground work for the update to the Delaware SCIP. A workshop is scheduled for the 21st and 22nd of Feb. A survey has been developed for key partners to complete.

Old Business

LMR-LTE

New Business

Mark Cabry briefed that DTI will be awarding a contract to a single vendor to provide broadband internet to rural Kent and Sussex County within the next few weeks.

Joe Thomas briefed that Sussex County would be holding regular interoperability meetings to help prevent any future interoperability issues between Delaware and Maryland in Sussex County.

Robbie Hunt briefed that DivComm would be holding a Delaware Regional Interoperability meeting to be held on 28 Mar 19 and will include Public Safety partners for all Delaware agencies and bordering States.

Rob Walls briefed that FirstNet mission critical data operated at unprecedented reliability rates during New Years at Times Square NYC and during the course of the Superbowl.

Next Meeting

Thursday, 11 Apr 19, 9 a.m. at the DSHS 2nd Floor conference room.

Adjourn

Motion by Gene Donaldson, meeting adjourned at 09:51 a.m.

Remaining 2019 SIEC Bimonthly Meetings

11 Apr 18, 13 Jun 18, 08 Aug 18, 10 Oct 18, 12 Dec 18