



Statewide Interoperability Executive Council—Operations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 27, 2019 1:30 PM
DelDOT Transportation Management Center, Smyrna, DE
Rehoboth Conference Room

Attendees:

Erin Coombs—Jacobs
John Gilliams—DivCOMM
Robbie Hunt—DivCOMM
Tom Kadunce—DivCOMM
Mike Merson—Department of Corrections
Willie Patrick—Wilmington OEM
Mike Pollinger—DivCOMM
Bill Streets—New Castle County
Bill Texter—Middletown Police Department
Eric Wagner—DivCOMM
Robert Walls—AT&T/FirstNet

Welcome Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Robbie Hunt at 1:31 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the amended minutes was made by R. Hunt second by Mike Merson, minutes approved unanimously.

Scheduled Business Meeting

700MHz/800MHz Systems—Tom Kadunce

T. Kadunce reported that the network is running as expected.

M. Merson updated that three levels of quotes have been provided to the Department of Corrections (interior/exterior/combined) and the decision is contingent upon FY20 funding. There are upcoming discussions with the Cabinet Secretary scheduled for July 16 after her formal induction into office on July 15th. The Cabinet Secretary has been given a white paper for review and been briefed on the implementation.

T. Kadunce reported that 800MHz system is running as usual on maintenance and working on the consoles. Currently reviewing operations from Firefly Music Festival (6/21-6/24/19)—there was multiple complaints about interference and system issues. Complaints between Dover High School

and Byler's on Rt. 8. The volume of complaints indicated that there were significant issues impacting multiple agencies. There are approximately 7000 lines of data to review. T. Kadunce will provide a more in-depth update next meeting.

Fiber & Data Project Updates—Mark Cabry/Gene Donaldson

Neither G. Donaldson/M. Cabry were available to provide update. Will review next meeting.

Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)—Robbie Hunt

R. Hunt reported that the SCIP has been vetted and completed. Awaiting response from the Governor and will report upon receipt.

Broadband Update—Robbie Hunt

R. Hunt stated that there were no significant updates to report. Requested that "911 Updates" be included in the next meeting agenda.

AT&T/FirstNet—Eric Wagner

R. Walls reported that AT&T commercial network remained fully functioning during Firefly. FirstNet was successful in maintaining communications and utilized the satellite patch. Worked alongside DelDOT Drone Team and Kent County Medical Services to provide situational awareness by streaming content to multiple endpoints in real-time. While successful, R. Walls reported that there are areas for improvement.

R. Walls introduced an additional tool, "Intrepid", that was utilized during Firefly to provide situational awareness to the JOC but also EMS to identify locations/calls on a map allowing for a simplified view to provide support. Kent County is investigating deploying the software for future event purposes.

E. Wagner stated the cellular system (outside of AT&T FirstNet) crashed Sunday at 2230, over 20 pieces of equipment were deployed.

911 Communications Updates

There have been upgrades to the event warning system, equipment is scheduled to be delivered the first week of July to the Harrington shelter.

New Business

Captain Bill Texter, of Middletown Police Department, requested that two additional talk groups be added to account for the doubling in size of the department and to create a talk group for the Community Response Team (surveillance, warrants, etc.) After discussion, the group agreed that this is a feasible request and suggested that the Captain provide a synopsis of what is needed and justification for need to submit the SIEC at the next meeting (August 8, 2019).

T. Kadunce reported that Cecil County went live on 6/27/2019 with no issues.

W. Patrick thanked E. Wagner for providing him with additional information about FirstNet. He recounted conversations with Wilmington Chief of Staff and cited the concerns about the investment in hardware; E. Wagner offered additional support in any way.

Old Business

R. Hunt explained there was a request to provide recommendations to SIEC for interoperability reports. He was given a due-out for committee on ISSI. This recommendation would be for 800 MHz system and for regulations to be put in place, a supporter needs to be identified to solidify the guidance proposed. R. Hunt will meet with R. Walls and Motorola to discuss how to integrate ISSI into the network.

There was discussion about the potential for GPS to be active on the radio network to provide real time tracking. It was explained that in the current format, only latitude/longitudes will be provided on radio. LMR is not capable as a standalone system to convert latitude/longitude points onto GPS. The question will be pushed to GIS engineer.

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 29, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the DelDOT TMC Rehoboth room.

Adjourn

Motion by T. Kadunce to adjourn, seconded by M. Merson. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p. m.