

State of Connecticut
Public Safety Interoperability Executive Committee
DESPP HQ – 1111 Country Club Road Room 349
Middletown, Connecticut
Tuesday February 19, 2019 1:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by SIEC Chairman John G. Gustafson.
A quorum was established.

The following individuals participated:

William Hackett	DESPP/DEMHS
Brian Baldwin	North Central CT EMS – (via C/C)
Nick Carlone	CT-DOT
Robert DiBella	Glastonbury EMD/CEMA
Judith Reynolds	DPH
Keith Victor	West Hartford - Region 3 ESF 2 Chair
Robert Drozynski	DESPP/DEMHS
Wayne Gronlund	Region 4 ESF 2 Chair (via C/C)
Phil Mikan	USCG
Peter Giammarco	Verizon Wireless
John Gustafson	DESPP/DEMHS
Scott Wright	CTS (Via C/C)
Matt Valleau	CTS
Jerry Zarwanski	DSET
Kris Wohlgemuth	DEMHS
Richard LaSaracina	MPTN
Betty Morris	North Central CT EMS – CMEDS
Greg Prevost	Valley Shore ECC
Leonard Welch	DAS/BEST
Dan Stebbins	AT&T
Steve Brown	HTFD County Fire Plan

Public Comment:

Peter Giammarco from Verizon Wireless reported 3 Macro Cells (New haven, Easton. Watertown) and 8 Small Cells (Bristol, Niantic, Simsbury, West Hartford., Meriden, Newtown and two in New Britain) have been added.

Dan Stebbins from AT&T reported a FirstNet deployable vehicle is now located in Dayville, CT. 53 tower sites have band class 14 service in place. Dan Stebbins has 5 counties in CT (shoreline counties + Hartford) and Luis Gonzales has Windham, Tolland, and Litchfield counties. To date approximately 17,000 customers are on FirstNet in CT. CT is in the top 10 of all states.

Jerry Zarwanski asked if commercial customers were allowed to use band class 14. Dan Stebbins replied yes, until the network detects the need to isolate it to public safety.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

A motion was made by Richard LaSaracina, seconded by Keith Victor to accept the January 2019 minutes. All in favor.

SWIC Update:

William Hackett reported the SAFECOM SWIC Meeting is April 22-26, 2019 which conflicts with the Emergency Management Symposium, therefore he will find another team member to attend. He noted he was approached by Chief Rex Morris about loss of communications when responding mutual aid to New York. Scott Wright will follow up with Chief Morris.

SIEC Chair Report:

John Gustafson –Decision memos have been approved for the following field guides, STOCSEVERBRIDGE-Use of the Reflector. He is preparing for EMAP re-accreditation and is looking for testing records.

Working Groups:

Technical Work Group – Scott Wright reported CTS is undergoing P-25 conversion and is swapping out 651 mobile radios, 711 portables and updates to 200-300 units. The process is 50% done. In the end of May or early June the legacy system will be shut down. Groton Town joining the State Trunked radio system is almost complete. Coventry, Norwich and Stonington are well underway. EF Johnson is currently providing heavy discounted prices for state system compliant radio equipment. The Technical committee assisted the South Central Chiefs Assn with recommending a radio solution for their multi town regional team. CTS is very involved in the 8Call90 portable radio deployment for Region 3. CTS is also testing the Waterbury ISSI connection. The committee is reviewing the Region 1 SCIP plan which was recently submitted.

Broadband Wireless Working Group

For Leonard Welch– The AT&T State Contract is signed, and updates to the product schedule have been completed and posted on the DAS website. The terms and conditions expire 6/30/19, however NASPO will ensure the contract is extended prior to then. The announcement has been sent out to as many interested parties as possible for distribution. Further consideration is being given to outreach. AT&T is actively promoting the service as well.

A sub-set of the Broadband Working Group is beginning work on the roadmap to address implementation steps in the areas of FirstNet Administration, Governance, Critical Issues and Deployment. This effort will include further collaboration with AT&T FirstNet.

CMED Working Group – Betty Morris from North Central CT EMS reported the first meeting will be 3/20/19 1-2:30pm agenda includes CMED overview, updated CMED directory, and update inventory of CMED system.

Training and Exercise Working Group

Keith Victor – 8Call90 field guide is being fine-tuned.

Air Operations Communications Working Group – Matt Valleau reported he will present the Aviation 217 process and final product at IEWC.

FCC Region Updates (Region 8 & 19) – Jerry Zarwanski

REGION 8

Next Region 8 meeting is at Rockland County Fire Training Center.

Region 8 is looking for a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

T-Band replacement will open up shortly for 24 700 MHz channels, on a one for one swap.

REGION 19

There are two applications for 800 MHz approvals North Providence.

Region 19 DESPP application was approved

800 MHz plan draft for technical committee review

Next meeting 3/12/19 Mass Fire Services Facility 700 MHz followed by 800 MHz meeting

REGION 30

800 MHz plan being reviewed by Region 8 and 19

All three regions are revisiting engineering criteria

There was a notice of rulemaking for the 800 MHz Interstitial Channels which was effective 12/27/18

Regional Reports

Region 1 – No report

Region 2 – No report

Region 3 – Keith Victor - West Hartford has two sites up and running , Hartford PD is interested in joining the system

The 8Call90 portables will be distributed, 4 per town, March 2019

Region 4 – Wayne Gronlund-ESF 2 worked on the CMCI Police-Fire-EMS communications plan, further response planned updates are underway. In April ESF #2 will provide STOCS asset holder training for New London.

Region 4 hosted a meeting of Fire & Police Command Staff February 7th to provide ESF information to service chiefs. Mobile communications assets were included in the presentation.

Region 5 – No report

Tribal Nations – The Mashantucket and Mohegan Tribal Nations have jointly improved the opportunity for interoperable communications using a gateway. The MOU to use the systems is currently under review by both legal departments. The Mashantucket Tribal Nation has acquired 60 new P-25 compliant radios.

State Agency Reports

DPH – No report

DOT – No report

Old Business:

No items

New Business:

Nick Carlone spoke about the recent I-91 tanker fire in Rocky Hill. He indicated the Blue Plan was instituted by Law Enforcement to coordinate traffic control and a Fire Task Force was activated. It did not appear any request was made for communications support. It was discussed it was up the Incident Commander to make the request for support.

Correspondence:

DEMHS Region 2 SWAT Communications (Portable radios) awaiting the formal Interoperable Communications review request.

Interoperable Grant Fund Approvals:

None

Next Meeting:

March 19, 2019 1:00PM – DESPP 1111 Country Club Rd – Room 349

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 1:55pm.

All in favor.

Recorded by: Robert Drozynski – EMPS
CT-DEMHS