

**State of Connecticut**  
**Public Safety Interoperability Executive Committee**  
**DESPP HQ – 1111 Country Club Road Room 349**  
**Middletown, Connecticut**  
**Tuesday April 16, 2019 1300 hrs**  
**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
Nick Carlone	CT-DOT
Robert DiBella	Glastonbury EMD/CEMA
Judith Reynolds	DPH
Keith Victor	West Hartford - Region 3 ESF 2 Chair - via C/C
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
Gary McCarraher	FirstNet
Matt Valleau	CTS
Jerry Zarwanski	DSET
Kris Wohlgemuth	DEMHS
Richard LaSaracina	MPTN
Betty Morris	North Central CT EMS – CMEDS via C/C
Greg Prevost	Valley Shore ECC
Joe Gaudett	Stamford/Region 1 – via C/C
Vaughn Dumas	SWCMED
Al Russo	Danbury EMD – Region 5 ESF 2
Jared Heon	Ansonia Fire-Rescue
Steve Verbil	DSET
Donald Gouin	Portland EMD

**Public Comment:**

None

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

A motion was made by Richard LaSaracina, seconded by Robert DiBella to accept the March 2019 minutes. All in favor.

**SWIC Update:**

Director Hackett welcomed FirstNet Representative Gary McCarraher, who provided the group with his fire service and communications background.

The NCSWIC meeting with SAFECOM will be held in Pittsburgh. Steve Verbil will be representing the State of Connecticut and will conduct a presentation on the GIS/9-1-1 interface.

The Emergency Management Symposium will be held April 25, 2019 in Cromwell. CTS will be staffing a booth alerting local leaders about the availability of the State Trunked radio system. System.

### **SIEC Chair Report:**

8Call90 portables are being distributed in DEMHS Region 3, next deployment could be Region 2, followed by 4 or 5. Region 1 as availability to the UASI radio system.

### **Working Groups:**

#### **Technical Work Group – Scott Wright reported State System Status**

- Sunsetting of the legacy SmartZone system is currently scheduled for June, 2019. That remains on schedule
  - o Subscriber swap continue with the last planned DESPP location occurring this week (Troop C). To date, approximately 1200 DESPP mobiles and 1100 DESPP portables have been swapped
    - Users report significantly better coverage with new equipment
  - o Thousands of other radios have been reprogrammed
  - o Work continues with the other system users and mutual aid partners to ensure compatibility
  - o The subscriber swap team is doing a phenomenal job
  - o Fire Coordinator radios are scheduled to be distributed on 4/24
  - o Working with DEMHS regarding the MCV's
- Work continues on the "Phase 4" build out
- Extensive work being done with municipalities interested in joining the system

#### **Verizon PSD**

- Working with Verizon regarding the potential impact of Power Spectral Density on public safety wireless
  - o Tentatively scheduled to meet on Thursday

#### **Technical standards**

- Submitted today for distribution and consideration is a suggested modification to the existing "MINIMUM P25 SHARED CONTROLLER TRUNKED RADIO SUSBSCRIBER REQUIREMENTS" which was last adopted in February, 2016. Many thanks to the members of the Technical Committee for their review, input, and feedback
- Standards received from several other large systems for consideration

#### **Technical review**

- Pending review requests for 700 Mhz spectrum. Meeting of technical committee expected shortly

#### **Networking**

- Scott has been named the interim/inaugural Chapter President of the Motorola Trunked User Group/New England South (CT/RI) Chapter
  - o Meeting forthcoming
  - o Excellent mechanism to share information

### **Broadband Wireless Working Group**

For Leonard Welch– Gap reporting to AT&T is ongoing. Local subscribers continue to sign up.

### **CMED Working Group** – (CMED Group) met on March 20 and April 10

Completed current listing for each CMED Participating Hospital in CT, lists the appropriate CMED Center, Call Channel, Patch Channel and 7-digit ED phone number

Completed current inventory of CMED Equipment/Site Location for all 12 RCC/CMEDs in the State

Statewide CMED Manual Update - Work has begun on revision (Last released in 1991) Each center will review their section - Soft deadline for completion is July 1, 2019 – Manual needed for many new EMS Providers at all levels in the state.

MCI Coordination and Forward Movement of Patients

-Representatives from Connecticut Hospital Association and Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting to discuss Forward Movement of Patients document.

Membership – Reaching out to Groton ECC, Waterford ECC and MEDCOM to make sure we have a representative from each of the RCC/CMEDs

### **Training and Exercise Working Group**

Wayne Gronlund – The 8CALL/8TAC field guide is being fine-tuned. The working group is developing an introduction section for the regional interoperable communications training program. Each region can customize the introduction section to list their resources.

**Air Operations Communications Working Group** – Matt Valteau, no report.

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

Region 8 – Next meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>, the New haven application was sent back

Region 19 meeting – June 11<sup>th</sup> Putney VT

The topic of single town versus multi town 700 MHz applications will be discussed.

The FCC is planning to release 312 800 MHz mid-band frequencies soon.

6 GHz band, currently used by CSP for microwave, FCC is considering opening the spectrum for wi-fi access, unknown if interference will occur

4.9 GHz band – If you hold a license and have added to the system you must update your data to avoid frequency coordinator issues.

T-Band – The window for Region 8/Region 30 is not open yet for existing T-Band users to apply for the 700 MHz frequencies.

CAPRAD – must be used when submitting applications for Region 8 and Region 19

APCO Conference is in Baltimore, MD August 10-14

FCC ruling requiring telecom companies to provide 9-1-1 call data in multi-story buildings (Z Axis) within three meter accuracy.

### **Regional Reports**

**Region 1 – Joe Gaudett** – Region 1 ESF #2 is meeting monthly and is preparing for summer activities. He also mentioned Region 1 staff have shown interest in the AUX COMM Class.

**Region 2** – EFS#2 meeting planned for 4/24/19 1pm at the New Haven Fire Academy.

UTAC and Fireground Red and Blue were used at fires involving East Haddam, East Hampton and Fire Coordinators. Region 3 and Region 4 fire departments covered calls for the LOD funeral in Marlborough.

Two projects ongoing: Point to Point (PSAP to PSAP) using trunked radio system  
Equipping the South Central Chiefs SWAT Team with State Trunked Radios

**Region 3** – Keith Victor – April 11, 2019 full scale exercise with multiple communications vehicles for an active shooter event. Unified command came into play.

Friday May 10, 2019 Communications Field Day Newington Fire Department – STOCS, 8CALL-8TAC, and use of the EF Johnson portables and various equipment. .

**Region 4** – Wayne Gronlund-ESF2 is working with US Submarine Base on interoperability with nearby responders. Challenge is they have a trucked UHF system and are dispatched from Virginia. Possible solution is to use low power line of sight UHF frequency and tie through MCV.

Sailfest 2019 planning meetings are starting this month.

March 30, 2019 two mill fires in Windham County, South Windham and East Killingly. ESF #2 and IMT assets called for East Killingly Fire. Communications was fairly easy since most of the responding units were QV based and already had the UHF frequencies they needed.

**Region 5** – Al Russo ESF2 meets monthly.

A sub-committee has been formed include Region 5 communications assets in a practical skills demonstration.

Al showed interest in the status of the two mobile tower systems. (The diesel generators are being repaired and other service work performed.)

The region is also working on obtaining a quote for a vertical antenna lift system.

**Tribal Nations** – Rich LaSaracina reported ongoing interoperable communications planning is going on between the two tribes. At Mashantucket there are six dispatch centers, 3 for gaming and 3 for public safety. Work is underway to merge all facilities together.

### **State Agency Reports**

DPH – Judy Reynolds reported Commissioner Rene Coleman has been meeting with Staff members. The MCI trailer is being moved from Camp Hartel to The Mashantucket Reservation so access is better.

DOT – Nick Carlone reported the Service Patrol Highway trucks are testing the State Trunked radio system. The Highway operations building in Newington is still undergoing renovations. AVL and GPS units are being integrated with the highway camera system.

DOT is support a Smart Travel App for updated road information. Information is also available CTTravelSmart.Org.

### **Old Business:**

700 MHz requests are under review by the Technical Committee for Windsor and Avon.

### **New Business:**

A draft was presented for proposed changes to the P-25 Standards Policy. Please review and forward comments to Scott Wright. Approval will be sought at the May 2019 meeting.

DEMHS is moving forward with the five year renewal of EMAP accreditation. If anyone has records for local radio testing please forward to John G. Gustafson.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Interoperable Grant Fund Approvals:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

May14, 2019 1:00PM – DESPP 1111 Country Club Rd – Room 349

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn 1400 hrs. All in favor.

Recorded by: Robert Drozynski – EMPS, CT DEMHS