

State of Connecticut
Public Safety Interoperability Executive Committee
DESPP HQ – 1111 Country Club Road Room 349
Middletown, Connecticut
Tuesday October 15, 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
Robert Drozynski	DESPP/DEMHS
Phil Mikan	USCG
John Gustafson	DESPP/DEMHS
Betty Morris	North Central CT EMS – CMEDS
Greg Prevost	Valley Shore ECC
Jared Heon	Ansonia Fire-Rescue
Scott Wright	DESPP/DSET/CTS – Via conference call
Gary McCarraher	FirstNet
Peter Giamarco	Verizon Wireless
Al Russo	Danbury EM - R5 Rep
Richard LaSaracina	MPTN
Matt Valleau	DESPP/DSET/CTS
Keith Victor	West Hartford/R3 ESF #2 Via Conference call
Vernon Mosley	CISA
Chris Tuttle	CISA
Chip Vitone	Darien
Rich LaSaracina	MPTN - Via Conference Call

Public Comment:

Peter Giammarco – Verizon Wireless, New locations for cellular equipment:
East Hartford – Small Cell
Wethersfield – Small Cell
Stamford – Small Cell (2)
City Place Hartford – In building
Brookfield – Small Cell

Meeting Minutes Approval:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the September 2019 minutes. All in favor.

SWIC Update:

DESPP/DEMHS is working on EMAP re-accreditation with the assistance of Armada as they did 5 years ago.

SIEC Chair Report:

John Gustafson reported the Alternate EOC Exercise was completed 9/26/19 and was done well under the required timeline. The event was video recorded.

Presentation

Vernon Mosley – CISA Contact information: Vernon.Mosley@associates.hq.dhs.gov

Vernon covered GETS, WPS and TSP

(Each region will have 10 booklets and electronic resources are available)

Working Groups:

Technical Work Group – Scott Wright reported:

They are working on Fire Task Force options, information about the West Hartford and New Britain Systems and also looking at a low power channel for convoy/travel communications
STOCS changes are underway due to interference issues further information will be provided later in the meeting on the R1 and R2 notification network proposal

Broadband Wireless Working Group

Members with approved FirstNet State Plan access meet with FirstNet/AT&T on Thursday September 19, 2019 to receive a quarterly technical update specific to Connecticut. Discussed were proposed site status in Western Connecticut, deployable Co-Ams for State Assets, small cell sites along the shoreline

CMED Working Group – Betty Morris reported the group met October 9, 2019 and continues to work on a directory and maps for end users and also working on the forward movement of patients. Significant events July-October 2019:

MVA involving a bus 35 occupants, 11 transports

Will be attending the Bradley Airport AAR 10/16/19

Durham Fair involvement

Hartford Marathon – 1 transport

Sub Committee formed – looking at use of the State P-25 Network for use for CMED functions

Training and Exercise Working Group

Keith Victor reported:

AUX COMM Class DESPP November 16-17th

VT is hosting a COMT Class

RI is hosting a COML Class

Air Operations Communications Working Group – No report.

Maritime Communications Working Group – Bob Drozynski

Ongoing efforts to include communications center information for shoreline municipalities and also municipalities along the Federal Channel on the Connecticut River to Hartford.

FCC Region Updates Region 19 – No report

Regional Reports

Region 1 – Chip Vitone – ESF #2 meets monthly. R1 ESF #2 supported the Sikorsky exercise for communications. Cell phone calls were plotted and one was found to be 12 miles off. November 7th presentation from Coast Guard for 9-1-1 call takers. Field COMM 1 will be out of service for 2-3 weeks for modifications.

Region 2 – Jared Heon reported ESF #2 met 9/25 in Orange and will meet in Wallingford 10/23/19. 2018 and 2019 HSGP funding is being used to purchase control stations. Funding has been secured for a TICP update with full inventory of the systems. EFS #2 is assisting ESF #10 (Haz Mat) with planning for radio acquisition.

Region 3 – Keith Victor

MCV #3 was deployed to Bradley for the airplane crash, COML and COMTs got the STOCS system set up. There was a Wi-fi issue with too many users.

Task Force communications in route were an issue

4 STOCS boxes were set up did not need them all and had to be changed

The disparate task force entities did not have inter ops comms and did not know how to switch over

Hartford is configuring their P-25 system.

West Hartford Police are switching to P-25

Region 4 – No report

Region 5 – Al Russo

MCV 5 deployed 3 times, Public Safety day in Ridgefield included inter ops communications training, event at WCSU tied CSP-Security and FAPRN together, ICS-205 submitted

Assisted with Waterbury Water Resource issue – tied together LMR console and NWPS ISSI connection to increase portable radio coverage.

Tribal Nations – Rich LaSaracina nothing significant to report

Federal Government – Chris Tuttle National InterOp Interference

Used the FCC in New York and Pennsylvania to check on issues. Direction finding located 17 sites with issues on UTAC and 7 Tac, these had major effects from Boston to Philadelphia. Be mindful of your usage of secondary use of low power UTACs. FCC has a on-line portal for reporting public safety interference.

Currently NY, NJ, PA, and CT are engaged in a 4 state planning effort. Scott Wright represents CT, looking for more representatives.

Technical Assistance Request submitted by CT for 2020 SCIP update.

FirstNet – Gary McCarraher reported on the FirstNet Board voted on reinvestments. Funds will go to the CORE, 5G updates, increase the number of deployables. It is expected in Spring 2020 AT&T will announce technology upgrades.

Planning is underway for a one day meeting in Connecticut to provide Roadmap information and helpful information for end users.

Old Business:

Addition of AUX COMM to existing COMU credentialing Policy.

Presented at September meeting for review until the October meeting.

Motion made by Robert Di Bella, seconded by Rich LaSaracina to accept this revision. All in favor.

New Business:

QUESTION: Will the MCV's be getting FirstNet Modems. ANSWER : Yes

New 8Call90 portables are ordered for Regions2 and Region 5. Should be delivered to DESPP in January. (Region 3 completed)

Correspondence:

None

Interoperable Grant Fund Approvals:

None

Next Meeting:

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

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn 1423 hrs. All in favor.

Recorded by: Robert Drozynski – EMPS, CT DEMHS