



OHIO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 26, 2011
STATE OF OHIO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The Fiftieth regular meeting of the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee was called to order by Administrator Darryl Anderson at 1010 hours on October 26, 2011.

Mr. Anderson welcomed all those attending; self introductions were made around the room. DPS Deputy Director Joseph Montgomery attended as Co-Chairman. Captain Roger Treece of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office set in for Sheriff Mike Simpson as the other Co-Chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been recently circulated by e-mail to the membership and also posted on the internet website. Two corrections were made. In the previous minutes on page 2 it showed

“Jim Jarvis, our DHS Region 5 rep, said he can schedule a webinar on CASM data entry training if needed.”

It should read:

“Jim Jarvis, our DHS Region 5 rep, said he can schedule a webinar on Goal 2 data entry training if needed.”

The other correction was at the top of page 2 where Sheriff Schlicher's name was misspelled as Slicker. Chief Scott Skeldon made the motion to approve as corrected; Mike Koontz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

UPDATE ON ADMINISTRATION CHANGE/SIEC DIRECTION

Discussion on draft of Executive Order pertaining to the SIEC. Director Montgomery reported positive interaction with the Governor's Office.

OHIO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY PLAN

HS Regional Interoperability Committee Updates:

Region 1 – Northwest Ohio – WD Miller and others. Discussed a number of issues. Homeland Security Regional talkgroups that were established for pursuits has been installed in Allen, Putnam and Hardin County. Helicopter uses discussed. Discussion by many of the members on the use and naming convention.

The SIEC appointed a small working group to address concerns of helicopter use and communications with the same. Members were appointed as Brad Handke, Dick Miller, WD Miller, Matt Franke, Susan Brumm, Ohio Hospital Association, Bob Bill, Steve Garwood, and Shawn Piper.

Next meeting of Region 1 will be on January 26, 2012. Several BSSA Trucks will be conducting a mini exercise on the same day.

Region 2 - Northeast Ohio – Dave Mohr – Goal 2 is complete for the region. Next meeting TBD.

Region 3 - West-Central Ohio – Chris Hanes from P&R Communication – Goal 2 is complete for the region. Next meeting TBD.

Region 4 – Pat Brandt – Goal 2 is in works. No meeting set at this time.

Region 5 – Sharon McMurray – Goal 2 is complete for the region. No meeting set at this time

Region 6 - Southwest Ohio (SOSINK) – Paul Kindell - Goal 2 is complete for the region.

Region 7 – Southeast Ohio – Sheriff Schlicher – Goal 2 is in works. No meeting set at this time.

Region 8 - East Central Ohio – No report available.

SOP Development:

Bob Bill reported the sub-committee has identified a new policy that is needed for air-to-air and air-to-ground communications. Another area that needs a policy is for the use of ISSI devices across Ohio. A third policy is also needed for the roaming issues going hand in hand with the “System of Systems”. The SIEC asked for the sub-committee to continue development and appoint other members as necessary. A historic meeting was held last week working with the P25 Numbering and Naming committee concerning transitioning the 3.5 talk groups to a P-25 format. A thanks to all participants for coming together and the policy is close to being finished.

NECP GOAL 2 DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Anderson recapped where we stood on statewide Goal 2 progress which is due to DHS October 31. 76 of the 88 counties are complete. 6 more are projected to be complete by Monday. 6 counties are going to be difficult. The list of the outstanding counties was reviewed and each one was assigned to a specific person for personal follow-up.

Jim Jarvis, DHS/OEC Region 5 representative reported on the next goal reporting for 2013. Mr. Jarvis reported the details for the next report and what is needed is being ironed out by multiple groups. Mr. Jarvis also reviewed the action being completed with the Goal 2 reports. They are using these reports to analyze gaps, strengths, and to determine future direction.

SCIP Re-write update:

Dave Ford reported on the SCIP update. Dave provided a handout. Task 1, 2, 3, and 4 are completed. Conference calls were conducted to correct some inaccuracies. 22 Counties did not respond at all. Additional calls were made to these counties. Maps of reports were discussed. CASM accounts can now be requested on line. Final report should be ready by January 1, 2012. The Finalized draft SCIP will need SIEC review and approval. A working group of Pat Brandt, Darryl Anderson, Matt Franke, Sima, Scott Skeldon, Rick Amweg, Dick Miller, Tracy Proud, and Roger Treece will meet and review the draft SCIP when provided by OEMA, and report back to the SIEC.

Grants Update:

Dave Ford – PSIC closed out on 09-30-2011. Audit of PSIC went well.

2008 should close out in the next couple of months.

2009 will close out around April of 2012. 2010 is in progress.

2011, the EMA is working to get out as soon as possible.

2012, legislative action is needed.

IECGP – No report

AFG – Harry Burdick advised that 7000 applications were reviewed last week in Baltimore.

Stimulus – ARRA – No report

Mr. Jarvis discussed some Federal requests.

JAG / LE was discussed by Rick Amweg.

COM-L / COM-T Program:

Dick Miller – reported that Dick Miller, Bob Bill, and Dave Ford will be working to update and correct the database on recognized COM-L's in Ohio. Bob Bill reported the new COM-L policy is ready for SIEC approval.

The Refresher Class for COM-L's is still being planned, stay tuned. Future new COM-L classes will be 4 days duration, not 3 as now.

MARCS TASK FORCE :

This committee has completed their work and the report is now available. Still working on items in the report that are needing implementation.

With the PSIC Grant, seven counties in Northwest Ohio are now on MARCS. MARCS has implemented MARCS/IP in Cuyahoga and Lake County. A 13 site, 15 channel, simulcast is up and running around Cuyahoga County. MARCS is currently testing the system in the area. Cleveland MetroParks will be live on the new platform on November 1, 2011 with other Fire Departments coming live around January 1, 2012. MARCS Steering Committee and the Department of Administrative Services has set the fee for the MARCS/IP at \$2.52 a month per radio. Any current users will get both MARCS and MARCS/IP for \$20 per month per radio. The \$2.52 will see incremental increases until MARCS/IP is completed across Ohio.

Discussion on system keys. MARCS will work with entities needing Advanced System Keys and the purchase of same.

Current requests in for 700 MHz licensing, Fulton County and MARCS. 700 MHz narrow banding was discussed. Several attendees brought up specific issues and concerns. At a recent meeting of the 700 and 800 MHz Regional Planning Committees elections were held and all officers remained the same.

APCO Report - Matt Franke reported on current Ohio Chapter activities.

700 MHz Broadband Update Mr. Anderson recapped recent meetings and the current situation on various Congressional bills and actions.

800 MHz Rebanding Updates –

MARCS is moving forward and is hoping to have an FRA signed by the end of 2011.

Golden Triangle is moving forward. Current issue with Nextel being handled by Pat Brandt.

Franklin County is moving forward.

Summit County is moving forward with subscriber units.

Pickaway County is done. Back to Back Repeaters are still in place.

Jefferson County is done. A few dollar issues still outstanding.

Warren County is hoping for completion around May of 2012.

Butler County is done.

VHF/UHF ISSUES

Narrowband deadline is only 433 days away.

Mr. Jarvis distributed a handout from DHS/OEC on narrowbanding issues.

ERIC Developments – Tom Bretthauer – No new developments since last report.

APCO Report – Matt Franke – November meeting date is November 2, 2011 at the Worthington Holiday Inn. 10:00 AM vendor show with the business meeting to follow at 1:00 PM.

CASM Update – Dave Ford – Mr. Ford provided a CASM update.

2011 Technical Assistance Requests – Darryl Anderson – Darryl Anderson reported that three pending TA requests were not approved for 2011. Mr. Anderson suggested a review of the three from 2011 and suggestions for 2012. Technical Assistance will again be requested for 2012.

Nationwide Public Safety Interoperable Wireless Broadband Network – Darryl Anderson – Darryl Anderson reported on meetings that were held on October 7 and October 14. The sub-committee has drafted a waiver to be submitted to the FCC after approval by the SIEC.

Motion was made by Rick Amweg, and seconded by Mike Szabo, to submit the waiver to the SIEC for approval, and then to the FCC, upon approval of the executive order establishing the SIEC. Motion passed.

The chairman and the administrator solicited the SIEC for any issues for the good of the order. No items from the floor.

Everyone was reminded to submit any discussion topics for upcoming SIEC meetings so they may be included on the agenda.

There being no further business, the next meeting was set for:

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 10AM here at the State EOC.

Matt Franke made a motion to adjourn, Chief Skeldon seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1210 hours.

Thales Communications, Inc. provided a briefing and demonstration of their latest multi-band radios.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Miller, Acting Secretary

The Mission of the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee is to provide guidance and strategic direction for Public Safety first responders in their communications initiatives, for the purpose of continuous improvement in reliable, mission critical wireless communications interoperability