



State Interoperability Executive Committee Minutes

June 15, 2017

1:30 – 3:30 pm

1500 Jefferson St SE, 1st Floor Presentation Room

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions

Attendees:

Rob St. John (Chair / OCIO)	Robert “Bob” Schwent – for Batiste (WSP)	John Nisbet (WSDOT)
Marc Lamoreaux (WSP)	Charles LeBlanc (WSP/FPB)	Robert Ezelle (MIL)
Keith Flewelling (WA State APCO-NENA)	Chief Al Compaan (WASPC) –via teleconference	TJ Edwards – for Dale Alexander (DOH)
Bob Johnson (DNR)	Anton Damm – for Bob Johnson (DNR)	Phil Johnson (DFW)
Honorable Jennifer Gregerson (AWC)		

Guest Speaker:

Hon. Soo Ing-Moody, Mayor of Twisp

Staff:

Shelley Westall and Minette Knotts.

St. John: Provided an overview of proposed agenda for the meeting. April 20, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

2. News and Information Roundtable:

Flewelling: Reminded SIEC members of the upcoming APCO/NENA conference.

LeBlanc – Introduced the new Assistant Chief Fire Marshal, Melissa Galley.

Ezelle- The Governor has requested that the Emergency Management Division and the WA Military Department’s IT Division to seek a resilient communications solution for a Cascadia Subduction Zone catastrophic earthquake. Funding for the solution would be included in the 2018 supplemental budget. MIL/EMD will convene a Statewide Project Team to include: FEMA, OCIO (FirstNet), WSP, WSDOT, National Guard, and ATNI (more to be added as group determines). **Westall** – SIEC vacancies remain to be filled for WSAC and WSEMA.

3. Wildfire Communications Interoperability – Best Practices Presentation:

Gregerson – Introduced Hon. Mayor Soo Ing-Moody of Twisp.

Ing-Moody – Shared presentation on interoperability lessons learned from the two worst wildfire disasters in Washington State’s history. Her message is that collectively the state of Washington should strive to reduce interoperability challenges and the need for improved communications between all agencies at all

governmental levels. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that current broadband service could be a lot more reliable. Right now it is spotty. The absence of reliable broadband is a safety issue.

4. SIEC Advisory Workgroup (SAW):

Schwent – The SAW recently received request for agency radio system services from the Office of the Attorney General (ATG) and Labor & Industries (LNI). The SAW evaluated the interoperability of the requests and any opportunities to partner with agencies with existing infrastructure. LNI will move forward with commercial service through a sole source agreement approved by DES.

St. John – Shared Radio Resources update: The workgroup is developing a case study highlighting how and what resources are currently shared and the policies and standards required understanding how system infrastructure can and cannot be shared while minimizing requirements unique purchases and new system/equipment investments. The SIEC will review and approve any new policies and standards.

Damm – Presented a project briefing document describing four shared radio resource projects currently in progress. The projects are all VHF analog mode radios and will be shared by DFW, Parks, and DNR. All projects are on track to be completed in calendar 2017.

The 4 projects include:

- **State Cowlitz** – a new State Repeater is being added at the WSP Kalama site to improve radio coverage in the area along the Columbia River between Woodland and Longview, WA.
- **State Adams** – Adding a State Repeater at the Flattop Mountain radio site that will address a gap in local radio coverage.
- **State Forks** – The WILDCOMM dispatch center will be provided access to the existing State Forks repeater at Octopus Mountain.
- **State Lyons Ferry** – Adding a State Repeater in the area of Lyons Ferry and Palouse Falls State Parks to improve internal communications for State Parks.

Lt. Johnson – Request for SIEC to approve licensing for mobile repeater project testing – The purpose is to provide improved communication coverage for officers away from their vehicles. The SAW approved the project. This proposal was unanimously approved.

McDowell – The WSDOT radio System Procurement RFP is in legal review.

5. Washington OneNet (WON) Status:

Westall – The FirstNet State Plan Portal (SPP) will be available for review on June 19. The portal will be only be available with a log-in ID/password provided by FirstNet/AT&T. At this time, OneNet (and all other state and local government agency personnel) are unable to agree to the SPP terms of use (ToU). WaTech/OneNet's AAG, Dawn Cortez, is working with FirstNet/AT&T to deconflict the ToUs for Washington's stakeholders.

6. Good of the Order/Public Comments:

Rob St. John: No new matters were presented.

Randy Richman (ZETRON) made a public comment expressing concern about the proprietary nature of interface equipment for PSAPs that is proposed by partners of FirstNet/AT&T.

Meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.