

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

2019 Fourth Quarter Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2019

Meeting Started 6/27/2019 9:02 AM

- VA Dept of Fire Programs Director Mike Reilly provided welcome and introductions
- Roster sent around for everyone to sign in

Chair Update

- SCIP Update
 - Tom Crabbs gave a brief read out on the April Workshop and resultant ECD draft SCIP. Terry Hall explained that a SCIP working group will be formed to complete the project for SIEC endorsement and Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security approval.
- SIEC Proxy Votes
 - Discussion was held on Proxy vote conditions. Discussion included importance of primary and alternate members.
 - Discussion tabled for next SIEC meeting
 - Motion was made to adjust the charter as necessary to allow for proxy voting with the following conditions:
 - Proxy status is temporary, applies to only one meeting.
 - Proxy notifications will be submitted in writing to the SWIC (email) prior to an SIEC meeting.
 - Proxy status does not count toward a quorum.
 - 2nd by Dana Schrad
 - Motion carried
 - Add Primary and Alternate discussion to agenda for next meeting
- ORION Discussion by SIEC Chair.
- **First Net Update** - Lori Stone
 - *Break 6/27/2019 10:35 AM*
 - *Resumed 6/27/2019 10:52 AM*
- **SWIC Report**
 - Emergency Communications Division Update
 - Tom Gagnon- former VA SWIC has accepted a position as ECD Regional Coordinator for VA/WVA/DC. Anticipate a July/August start date.
 - Performance Markers
 - Committee scored the ECD performance markers tool. Results attached.
 - Channel Naming Convention will be add to the next meeting agenda
 - Elections: will be held at next meeting October 22, 2019
 - Chair and Vice Chair

- Nominations will be made the day of the election followed by a vote.
- COMLINC Update - General Assembly approved the Governor's request for \$6.4M refresh, retrain, full distribution, and sustainment of the COMLINC system. Money is available July 1st and VSP will be responsible (See notes below)
 - VSP has applied to VITA to fund COMLINC as an existing project upgrade. Decision pends.
 - Michelle Gowdy noted that money is contingent on STARS bonding which will not occur until August or next February
 - Also noted during the discussion; in reviewing the available state budget, at \$5.85M, there appears to be a shortage. Tom stated he would need to look at his notes as there are 2 separate buckets of money- bonded and general fund. He promised an itemized follow up. Itemized budget is attached: \$6.5M total; \$5.85M bonded, \$703K General Fund.
 - **Next Meeting will add VSP to agenda to discuss COMLINC**

The next SIEC meeting will be held October 22, 2019 in Roanoke VA (Hotel Roanoke), in conjunction with the APCO/NENA/Interoperability Conference

- **Regional Updates**
 - VML - Survey for 9-1-1 going out be on the lookout for (Going to City and County leadership). One topic of discussion is pay as you go taxes for wireless
 - VA OEMS - Encouraging Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) implementation by all 9-1-1 centers throughout the state to include voluntary accreditation through OEMS. Working to incorporate the importance of communications planning and interoperability into the OEMS Mass Casualty Incident Management (MCIM) training programs.
 - VDOT - Safety folks under a new contract.
 - Dept of Health –
 - Regional Coordinators are moving to other areas. Primary and Backup gateway for RHCC in the south area is down and being investigated. This system failure will be incorporated in to the Fall exercise
 - Region 1 -
 - Refocus of COMLINC with hope of seeing new hardware and support as well as training.
 - Capital Region project is the big focus.
 - P25 system is coming up off the ground, several years out for completion.
 - VSP - Travis Cox has retired and take a regional position with MNI. John Agee's last day is June 28th.
 - Cache –
 - Carrying forward and preparing for the next budget year working with VDEM and looking at the upgrade of subscribers.
 - Finished a COML and COMT course held in Northern VA just recently.
 - Small exercise back in April with 1st Net tested deploying a COW in Warren County. Ran into some issues with deployable and attaching some devices
 - VDEM –

- Going through and identifying funding for Capital Region Cache subscribers. VSP went through and provided information and support to other state agencies to prepare for this. Will not meet again until after the budget proposals are due. Chair suggested that once they get information together he could call a special SIEC meeting for the committee to review .
 - 2 Instaphones Surry and North Anna, have a design approved with Dominion and VDEM staff trying to work on the dollar figure. New figure would be about \$1500 per month per site. No date yet as to when the new circuit goes up
 - VACP - Commonwealth Attorney Association is planning to put together a Cybersecurity conference
 - APCO - National Conference in MD this year.
 - ARES / RACES - Wind link, getting over a 100 check-ins weekly. Recent exercise brought up by the Red Cross wanted to show where everyone was. Audio links and digital links passing back and forth.
 - Region 3 –
 - Local grant proposals were submitted to support upgrades for older Systems- getting updated.
 - Bringing in the Cache team to learn how to request the resource and how to incorporate the Cache into comms plans.
 - Region 7 - Testing ISSI mesh network in the region, allowing roaming capability. Testing before pushing out to all users.
 - Florida Law - Communications failed 9-1-1 to 9-1-1 Center and making a state plan. Have to have text to 9-1-1 by date defined and NG9-1-1 date defined and radio interoperability at least three PSAP's away
- **SME Grant Reviews**
 - 9 member panel scored 11 Grant Proposals. 3 GPs were not interoperability related and were not scored.
 - Facilitated by VDEM Grants personnel
 - Used the prescribed ODU matrix scoring system
 - Results were entered into the ODU scoring system for next review at VDEM
 - **Grant Review Process Presentation:** Recommendation was made to put a committee together to produce and provide a presentation on the grants review process. Anyone that submitted a grant could attend and provide feedback. The VDEM Staff agreed it was a good idea. This could also be presented at special events and as a webinar.