

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

2018 Second Quarter Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2018

Meeting convened: 10:08

Welcome and introductions: Representatives from each RPAC-I were present or on the phone. Other members present: Michelle Gowdy (VML), Dana Shrad (VACP), John Agee (VSP), CAPT Tom Bradshaw (VSP), Travis Cox (VSP), Rick Burke (Televate), Brad Bradley (VDH), CAPT Braxton Sweat (Suffolk Fire), Joe Lerch (VACO- via phone).

First Net AT&T: Lori Stone and Alex Rafii provided a brief that covered Band 14 and deployment progress to date. They encouraged contracting for phones to learn and test FirstNet capabilities. Also expressed was the point that if a locality contracts for an AT&T device they are eligible to receive AT&T deployable response services.

SWIC report: Tom Crabbs reported out on the National Governor's association conference, including the following Virginia priorities established at the conference:

- SCIP revision. Anticipate a January workshop for kick off and a June 30, 2019 completion date.
- Training and exercises. Planning to incorporate communications scenarios in exercises and hold a statewide communications exercise by September 30, 2019.
- Broadband convergence. Working to ensure localities understand decision elements in order to make sound choices with regard to broadband convergence with Public Safety communications.
 - Three choices:
 - Remain with present carrier
 - Choose another
 - Choose none.
 - Basic elements of locality decisions
 - Coverage (is king)
 - Includes in building
 - Capacity
 - Pre-emption
 - Public Safety grade infrastructure
 - Alignment with present and future initiatives (e.g. smart city)

Additional SWIC items addressed:

- **COMLINC Evaluation:** The evaluation was directed and funded by the General Assembly. It was awarded to Commonwealth Spectrum Management Services and commenced on August 1. A kick-off meeting was held on August 7. Final draft is complete and submitted for review. Further discussion of the COMLINC Evaluation was reserved for a period directly following the SIEC meeting.
- **SIEC relationship:** Passed that the SWIC is both servant and advocate for SIEC. Stressed the importance of the SIEC to exercise influence and achieve tangible solutions to interoperability challenges. Addressed the importance of visible, accessible, and productive committees. There are currently no active committees.

Channel Naming: In the interest of time, this item was deferred until the next SIEC.

Federal Interoperability Channels MOU: The intent of the MOU, in accordance with new FCC regulations (47 CFR 90.25), is to centralize the licensing process through the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). One license will be granted to cover all Commonwealth public safety stakeholders for use of federal interoperability channels while jointly engaged with federal entities for response operations and training.

A quorum was present and a motion was made to endorse the Commonwealth's entrance into the Federal Interoperability Channels MOU. The motion received a second. The vote was unanimous in favor of endorsement.

OEC Update: Marty McLain provided an update on OEC initiatives including technical assistance opportunities and WPS availability.

NG911: Steve Marzolf provided an excellent brief on the status of NG911 including capabilities, cost, cost sharing, and the roll out schedule.

Regional Updates:

- Region 4 reported that they are engaged with OEC for CASM.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00.

COMLINC: Following the SIEC quarterly meeting, interested SIEC members remained afterward for a discussion of the final draft of the COMLINC report. Present for the discussion were David Warner and Cheryl Giggetts of Commonwealth Spectrum Management Services (CSMS), the contracted company for the COMLINC evaluation. David and Cheryl shared their methods, findings, and recommendations. This was the fourth meeting with CSMS on the COMLINC Evaluation; the first, a kick-off in August, and two meetings in October following release of the

first and second draft.

Due to administrative error, some members of the SIEC were not tracking the evaluation. Discussion centered on those SIEC members missed on distribution, the prospects of approaching COMLINC sustainment through a sole source bridging strategy to next generation open market technology, as well as the purpose of COMLINC and the effectiveness of present technology as the COMLINC solution. The Chair expressed support for COMLINC investment, but indicated that the SIEC could not formally endorse the report. The report is complete and available at: <https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2018/RD462/PDF>