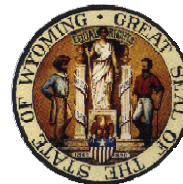


Public Safety Communications Commission



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We would like to thank you for your interest in Wyoming's PSCC. We welcome any questions, comments, or suggestions you may have to this publication. You may direct them to Bob Symons at 307.777.5065 or by email at bsymon@state.wy.us

Rule Making Notification

Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission

Wyoming Public Safety Radio Communications Rules

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGENCY: Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission

AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR RULES: Robert Symons, Administrative Support, Telephone 307-777-5065, Fax 307-777-6725

The Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission intends to adopt new rules pursuant to Wyoming Statute §9-2-1104(a)(v). The new rules have been drafted regarding the promulgation of necessary rules and establish policies and procedures to govern the operation, participation and user fees of the WyoLink system. And provide a fair and efficient method for the commission to hear appeals of a determination of suspension or revocation of a participating agency's operating procedures for the non-compliance of the policies and procedures governing WyoLink system operation and participation.

A copy of the proposed rules can be obtained from: Wyoming PSCC, Robert Symons, Emerson Building, Room 228C, 2001 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82009-0060 Telephone 307-777-5065

Or download from the Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission website at: <http://pscc.wyoming.gov/>

The proposed rules will be available for public inspection for 47 days, commencing July 21, 2006 and ending September 5, 2006, during normal business hours at the following location:

Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission
Emerson Building, Room 228C
2001 Capitol Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0060

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held on September 25, 2006 in Riverton Wyoming at the Wyoming Fire Academy starting at 11:00 am.

<http://pscc.wyoming.gov>

Views From Bill Westerfield

William (Bill) Westerfield represents the Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources on the Public Safety Communications Commission and serves as the chairman of the SALECS Work Group. He started his law enforcement career in 1979 as a Reserve Deputy with the Laramie County Sheriff's Department and in 1980 was commissioned as a regular deputy. In 1984 Bill joined the Wyoming Highway Patrol. He retired as a Sergeant in 1999. Also in 1999, Mr. Westerfield started working for the State Parks. His current duties include being the Field Support Manager and Chief Ranger for State Parks. As the Field Support Manager he oversees the fee program, contracts and concessionaires at all of the state parks and historical sites. As the Chief Ranger he is the law enforcement program manager.



Bill has been married to his wife, Ruth for 37 plus years and they have three sons, two that are law enforcement officers and one that is a Captain in the U.S. Army and currently stationed in Germany.

The State Parks are currently using the State Agency Law Enforcement Communications (SALECS) system for their communications needs. SALECS provides the connection to the Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch that State Parks uses for dispatching services. WyoLink is expected to replace the SALECS and add features that are not currently available to the state parks and the park rangers. When asked what improvement WyoLink will provide that is currently not served by SALECS, Bill stated, "Interoperability will be much better, the ability to talk to other agencies at the local, state and federal level."

The challenges that face WyoLink and the PSCC include the frequency engineering and the new system glitches that usually follow projects of this size. With Motorola presently working on the frequency engineering and their final plan expected in September, hopefully all of the required frequencies will be identified and licensing can move forward. Patience with the new system, problems will come up and WyoLink will have to work through them. Bill stated, "Don't let short term problems overcome the benefits, especially inter-agency communications."

The PSCC will have to decide what the portable radio expectations for WyoLink will be. It is important to complete the project, test the system for portable radio coverage then decide on what modifications may be needed and how to address the cost of those modifications.

Upcoming Events

Calendar posted @ <http://pscc.wyoming.gov>

7/31/06 * 8/28/06 * 9/25/06 Project Team Meetings 1 pm–3 pm@
Qwest Building, Room 350

This is a monthly meeting held by the WyoLink Project Manager and Motorola. The meeting gives an overview of the progress over the past month, what is taking place in the near future, and any problems or concerns that need to be addressed with WyoLink.

9/26/06 - PSCC Meeting— Riverton * Proposed Rules Hearing—11:00 am

This is the quarterly general business meeting of the PSCC. Each committee gives a standing report; any concerns or problems are discussed and action taken, if needed. A progress report on the WyoLink project is also presented.

Dispatch Center Grants

The Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission is administering grants to local dispatch centers to help provide connectivity to WyoLink. The Wyoming Legislature and Governor Freudenthal approved \$6,450,000 for the local dispatch centers to update their consoles so they are compatible and ready to be connected to WyoLink upon the completion of each construction phase. **Grant Applications are due by December 31, 2006.**

Every dispatch center in Wyoming is eligible for grant funds with an initial limit of \$150,000 per dispatch center. When completing the grant, indicate total costs for upgrading local dispatch center for connectivity to WyoLink. Any remaining funds from the first round of grants will be available for a second round of grants and the initial application will be used to determine second round funding. Grant funds may be used as matching funds for additional grants, if approved by second grant rules.

The grant funds may be used to upgrade current dispatch consoles, installation of central electronic banks, installation of WyoLink compatible connectivity cards, purchase and installation of WyoLink compatible base stations and minor dispatch center facility upgrades – electrical service and equipment cooling.

The grant application is available on the PSCC website: <http://pscc.wyoming.gov/> The link to the word document is on the “Commission News” web page. Further information or questions will be answered by contacting Bob Symons at 307-777-5065 or bsymon@state.wy.us

The cost of the telephone and/or microwave connects to the dispatch center should not be included in the grant request. The WyoLink budget includes funds for the telephone and/or microwave connections between WyoLink and the dispatch center. Upon the completion of the dispatch center upgrades and review by the WyoLink technical staff for connectivity, the WyoLink project will work with the dispatch center to complete the phone and/or microwave connectivity.

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Master Trainers

The first Motorola Master Trainer class was held February 21-24, 2006. Customizable tools kits were included in the training that will be used to develop training materials specific to the equipment being used. As part of the training, standardized radio configurations have been developed for each radio model. The master trainers will be able to provide train-the-trainer classes to local trainers which will be specific to the model (s) of radios used by that agency.

The training will be expanded to include trunking concepts, WyoLink system description and procedures, fleetmapping and scanning on a trunking system.

The WyoLink Operations Work Group has decided that there should be two (2) Master Trainers in each regional response area – one from law enforcement and one from fire/EMS. A second class will be scheduled in late 2006 or early 2007. A total of 22 trainers will be trained by on all of the features available on Motorola trunking radios, the trunking radio system and WyoLink procedures.

WyoLink Status

On June 27th WyoLink Project leadership and stakeholders accepted Motorola's proposal to upgrade from Astro-25 version 6.5 to version 7.2.

It is very advantageous to implement this upgrade now. Only the Pilot Phase equipment needs to be upgraded. Waiting would increase the cost of upgrading to version 7, has more equipment would have to be changed. All new equipment will ship with the latest version. By acting now, the cost of this upgrade remains within the current project budget. This upgrade does not effect the subscriber equipment that has already been purchased, it will allow for more features to be added to subscriber equipment.

This upgrade offers advantages to WyoLink. Among these advantages are:

- An extended lifecycle and simplified system architecture, which combined to reduce long-term maintenance costs and increase reliability.
- Support for the new IP-based dispatch console technology, which can reduce the cost of interconnect between a dispatch center and WyoLink.
- Support for future implementation of pending Project-25 standards, such as the Console Interface Standard and Intra Sub-System Interface.
- Additional network security and faster software upgrade capability.
- Support for future implementation of wideband-high-speed data communications.
- Support for "Over The Air Programming" (OTAP), an option that will allow remote adjustment of an subscriber equipment programming.
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PSCC Newsletter

The goal of the PSCC Newsletter is to disseminate information to all agencies and individuals interested in the PSCC. To reduce printing and postage costs all issues will be in electronic format. If you would like to continue receiving the PSCC newsletter please visit <http://pscc.wyoming.gov> and click on E-mail/Newsletter sign up. This will be a quarterly, electronic publication distributed after every Commission meeting.

PSCC Mission:

The mission of the Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission is to develop recommendations for policy and guidelines, identify technology and standards, and coordinate intergovernmental resources to facilitate statewide interoperability with emphasis on public safety.