State of Wyoming

Public Safety Communications Commission

Public Safety Communications Commission
Inter-Operability Executive Committee Meeting
Wheatland, WY
October 28, 2005
Minutes

Attendees:

Billy Janes	Chariman
Mark Harshman	PSCC Commissioner
Kebin Haller	PSCC Commissioner
Jim Archerd	Wyoming Homeland Security
Dale Pawling	Cheyenne Fire and Rescue – via Phone Teleconference
Craig Post	Com Tech
Tom Mahon	WyoLink Project Manager
Robert Symons	PSCC Administrative Support

Absent:
Russ Christiansen (excused)   PSCC Commissioner

Billy Janes, Chairman of the Inter-Operability Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mark Harshman made a motion to approve the September 13, 2005 minutes. Jim Archerd seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Old Business:

Discussion on the WyoLink Handbook. Bob Symons led a discussion on the revised draft handbook.. The major changes to the handbook are the inclusion of Section III. – Understanding Radio Terms and Section VII – Talkgroups.

The Understanding Radio Terms section provides background information on radio frequencies and operating modes of radio systems.

The question was asked about the definition of MAC. Is it a mutual aid channel or multiple agency channel? The committee recommended the MAC definition be added to the definitions and be defined as a multiple agency channel. The National VHF and 800 MHZ Interoperability channels were added for clarification.

It was recommended that the Wyoming Mutual Aid and SALECS legacy frequencies be added to the list when identified.

Due to the difference of the Wyoming Trauma Regions to the Wyoming Regional Response regions, another set of trauma and EMS channels were discussed. Discussion on the use of the trauma/EMS talkgroups. It was suggested that the Regional Response Areas map be added to the handbook.

Kebin Haller made a motion that for purposes of remaining consistent within the state that all MAC talkgroups be developed within the Homeland Security Regional Response Areas. The motion was seconded by Mark Harshman. The motion was amended by Kebin Haller to add "and adding a sixth tactical talkgroup to each regional MAC talkgroup". The amended motion passed.

Discussion on the use of a calling channel in each county and MAC area. The MAC talkgroup shall be the calling channel and all dispatch centers in each region shall monitor the MAC talkgroup for the region they are located in. The training for the end users will need to include the use of the MAC talkgroups.

Discussion on the use of "10" codes, plain talk and encryption. Encryption will replace the use of "10" codes for those agencies that want to keep their conversations private.

National Weather Service talkgroups have been added to the handbook. As the system expands, the National Weather Service offices covering Wyoming may be added to the system. There are two weather offices in Wyoming – Cheyenne and Riverton, and three offices located outside Wyoming – Salt Lake City, UT, Rapid City, SD and Billings, MT.

The authorized system access needs to be reviewed by the Interoperability Executive Committee.

Discussion on School Buses using WyoLink. Public Transportation including school buses will be added to the Public Service listing and the agencies will be numbered for clarification. Technical Support will be added to the Public Service listings.

Forms need to be added to the Attachments for Dispute Resolution and System Support.

New Business:

How do we want to handle interoperability with the federal agencies when they migrate to WyoLink? As WyoLink grows and federal agencies migrate, it will be important to work with them on radio use.

General Discussion:

DCI is getting ready to program radios and have them installed in their vehicles. Kebin Haller will work with Tim Mahon and Bob Symons to discuss they programming and the development of the DCI talkgroups. Are the local radio service technicians ready to program project 25 radios and WyoLink talkgroups? System Key Security is an important issue that needs to be clarified and a form developed.

What is the current status of the reprogramming of SALECS, Mutual Aid, WyDOT Transportation and Wyoming Highway Patrol? The input frequencies for Mutual Aid and SALECS will be changing and adding a repeater operation which is an upgrade to the current system. The simplex (radio to radio) mutual aid is not changing and will still be useable as it is today.

Update on the current status of frequency acquisition and spectrum fingerprinting. Motorola has been issued a change order to help work on frequency acquisition for WyoLink.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Interoperability Executive Committee will be on November 29 or 30, 2005. Bob Symons will contact the Committee to find the best date.
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Chairman Billy Janes adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Symons
Administrative Support