

**Public Safety Communications Commission
Inter-Operability Executive Committee Meeting
Employment Security Building 3rd Floor
100 West Midwest
Casper, WY**

**March 22, 2005
Minutes**

Attendees:

Chair	Billy Janes	Chief of Police	Torrington Police Department	(307)532-7001
Members	Mark Harshman	Chief of Operations	Casper Fire Department	(307)235-8324
Present:	Kebin Haller	Deputy Director	Division of Criminal Investigation	(307)777-6612
	Russ Christiansen	Paramedic	Casper Emergency Medical Svc	(307)577-2222
	Tom Mahon	WyoLink Project Mgr	WYODOT Telecommunications	(307)777-3922
	Dale Pawling	Shift Supervisor	Cheyenne Fire and Rescue	(307)631-5986
Guest:	Bill Fleming	Sales Manager	Motorola	(970)416-0123

Billy Janes, chairman of the Inter-Operability Executive Committee for Public safety Communication Commission (PSCC), called the meeting to order. After brief discussion the minutes from Jan 7, Feb18, and Mar 10 were approved.

Mission Statement

Member discussed and agreed to change the mission statement to read as follows:

To provide a professional communication system with compatibility and availability of common *communication paths* for all public safety radio users.

Points of Contact

Member turned their attention to points of contact for the different radio systems in Wyoming. Kebin Haller provided a list of terminals/ ORI's through-out the state for law enforcement. Members discussed State, County and City Emergency Management Coordinators and the list of County Emergency Management Coordinators shown on the Wyoming Homeland Security website: <http://wyohomelandsecurity.state.wy.us/counties.htm> Kebin Haller said that he would contact and inquire from Wyoming Homeland Security additional points of contact for emergency management coordinators. Russ Christiansen said that he would contact Bob Dean in order to develop a list of points of contact for EMS, first responders and statewide ambulance services. Members briefly discussed industrial first responders and it was determined industrial first responders needed to be included in interoperability planning. Mark Harshman said that Jim Narva has a list showing 158 fire departments within Wyoming. Chief Janes asked the members to email to him the different lists they are working on.

Members discussed interoperability with other federal agencies for example F.E. Warren AFB and Fort Laramie. Tom Mahon said that PSCC Commissioner Mark Joiner would be an initial point of contact for federal agencies.

Ron Pinther said that based on a telephone conversation with Bob Dean, Wyoming Dept. of Health Emergency Medical Services, EMS providers in Wyoming have some concerns with planned changes to monitoring capabilities of radio systems in Wyoming. Chief Janes said that development of appropriate Incident Command policies and procedures would answer many of the questions being raised concerning radio dispatchers and current radio monitoring capabilities. It was suggested that perhaps an answer to the questions raised by EMS would be to handle ambulance transports as an incident.

WyoLink Update

Tom Mahon advised the WyoLink system will be on the air in time for Frontier Days and the overall project schedule shows that by August 1 programmed radios with talk groups would be available and provide hands-on demonstration capabilities. The period between August and January will provide adequate time to determine whether hardware and operational planning processes are ready to go live in January.

Future Direction

Chief Janes asked Tom Mahon what direction he sees the Interoperability Executive Committee should be headed. Chief Janes said it would benefit this committee having hardware equipment available to observe and develop operational planning processes and procedures. Tom Mahon said there was an exercise in northern Colorado last weekend and a 47 site VHF Project 25 trunking system exercise scheduled for August in Alaska. Mark Harshman suggested and it was agreed that trunking capabilities would be demonstrated with the Casper Fire Department radios at the next Interoperability meeting. Remaining discussion centered on Incident Command structure and processes, dispatch control, Talk Groups and ownership of Talk Groups.

Next meeting will be held April 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Casper Fire Station # 1, 200 West 1st Casper, WY

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. in order for members to attend Quarterly PSCC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Pinther