Public Safety Communications Commission Inter-Operability Executive Committee Meeting Casper Fire Station #1 – Casper, WY

April 20, 2005 Minutes

Attendees:	
Billy Janes	Chairman
Mark Harshman	PSCC Commissioner
Kebin Haller	PSCC Commissioner
Russ Christiansen	PSCC Commissioner
Tom Mahon	WyoLink Project Manager
Ken Montgomery	WyoLink Technical Lead
Ron Pinther	A & I ITD Systems Development
Dale Pawling	Adjunct Subject Matter Expert – Cheyenne Fire & Rescue
Jerry Kennedy	PSCC Commissioner – WyoLink Operations Committee Chairman
Kipp Sanders	Cheyenne Fire & Rescue
Robert (Bob) Symons	PSCC Administrative Support

Billy Janes, Chairman of the Inter-Operability Committee for the PSCC called the meeting to order. Introduction of members and guests.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved with no changes.

Kebin Haller made a motion to approve the March 22, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Mark Harshman and approved with a voice vote.

New Business

Points of Contact Lists:

Fire Departments - Mark Harshman provided a copy of the Wyoming Fire Service Directory and stated the directory in on the Wyoming Fire Marshal's web site.

EMS – Russ Christiansen stated Bob Dean provided a list of ambulance services at the March 22, 2005 meeting and will add to that list.

Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Coordinators – Kebin Haller provided a listing of county coordinators.

Wyoming Association of Municipalities – Bob Symons stated that he sent a request through Dave Johnson at WAM to all municipalities requesting the point of contact names for the municipal radio systems.

Federal Agencies – Ron Pinther stated the he had talked to Mark Joiner, BLM, about point of contacts. Mark is working on the list.

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FCC Licenses and Dispatch Centers – Ron Pinther passed out a listing of dispatch centers and FCC licenses that he received from Larry Sheridan, DOT.

Discussion on the County Commissioners and county maintenance/road and bridge point of contacts. Bob Symons will contact Joe Evans at Wyoming County Commissioners Association about requesting a point of contact list.

Discussion on the format of a Master Data Base of the Point of Contacts lists and the committee requested the lists to be presented in electronic format to Bob Symons for the development of a Master List. Tom Mahon stated that the original listing of radio systems in Wyoming was part of the WyoLink Plan and should be reviewed for a starting point and used as a cross reference to the Master List. (The Plan Documents are on the WyoLink website)

Proposed WyoLink Mobile Radio Master Programming List

Ron Pinther passed out the list that was developed by Larry Sheridan (DOT) that was presented at the March 22, 2005 PSCC meeting. Tom Mahon led a discussion on the programming list. There will be a cross band repeater located at the Casper Mountain tower site that will allow the inter-connectivity between the 800 MegaHertz radio system in Natrona County and the VHF trunking system. Casper Fire Department has a portable TRP 1000 cross band repeater that can be transported to incidents when needed for inter-operability.

Tom Mahon passed out and led a discussion of the frequency changes for Wyoming Highway Patrol, SALECS and Mutual Aid frequencies due to the interference at certain WyoLink tower sites, specifically Sherman Hill during the pilot phase. The committee voiced concerns that not all of the costs and impacts associated with re-programming radios have been researched. Some other options discussed included reconsidering the FCC plan and alternative frequencies and budgeting for re-programming to soften the local impact. The completed state-wide plan for frequencies should be completed so that all channel interferences and impacts are identified.

Chairman Billy Janes will review the committee concerns with the frequency plan with PSCC Chairman Kelly Hamilton.

The next meeting of the Inter-Operability Executive Committee will be held May 17, 2005 in Wheatland at the Police Department starting at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Janes.

Mark Harshman presented an overview of the 800 MHz system in Natrona County that included a presentation on the equipment, tower site, talk groups and portable radio features and operation.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Symons