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## Public Safety Communications Commission

### Interoperability Executive Committee Goshen County Courthouse - Torrington And Phone Conference Meeting March 9, 2009

Chairman Billy Janes called the Phone Conference meeting to order at 3:35 pm..

Members participating: Chairman Billy Janes, Jim Archerd, Marty McCoy, John Hartwig, and Bob Symons. On the Phone conference call was: Mark Harshman and Dale Pawling. Other in attendance were: Jerry Kennedy, Mark Joiner, Dave Johnson, Dan Perko – Wyoming Forestry; Wayne Peterson, Phil Bond, Debbi Serke, and Barb May – Motorola; Dave Adsit – Gillette PD and Dan Williams – DHS-OEC

The minutes of the December 9, 2008 were reviewed. **Dale Pawling made a motion to approve the December 9, 2009 minutes. Jim Archerd seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.**

#### **New business**

Bob Symons presented the WyoLink Support and Maintenance revision to the WyoLink Handbook and the WyoLink Subscriber and System Support Quick Reference. The WyoLink Operations Work Group passed the revisions and moved to forward their recommendation to the PSCC. The Interoperability Executive Committee decided to support the recommendation of the WyoLink Operations Work Group.

#### WyoLink Applications

Discussion on the WyoLink applications that have been received since December, 2008. There are 10 new applications. The applications received are from Sheriff's Offices, Police Departments, Ambulance Service, Department of Corrections, Tribes, Hospital, U.S. Air Force, and Johnson County. Bob Symons recommended the approval of all of the applications.

**Marty McCoy made a motion to recommend approval of the applications to the PSCC, seconded by Jim Archerd. The motion passed on a voice vote.** *Listing of current applications is attached to the minutes for reference*

#### Wildland Fire Interoperability

Mark Joiner stated that he has had three different meeting with federal cooperators and local fire cooperators. The meetings pertained to how WyoLink provides interoperability to agencies that will not have WyoLink capable radios and what are the benefits to the fire agencies. There are some options that are available including patching, the use of gateways or the use of Mutual Aid.

Marty McCoy requested contact information for the Forest Service fire personnel so that he can contact them to develop a baseline for what they have for a system and what can be done to provide the interoperability. The VHF radios are backward compatible, so the Forest Service and/or BLM fire

frequencies can be added to the radios for interoperability. Weather Service is one of the most important features available on WyoLink. Tactical operations will probably be conducted on conventional frequencies. Look for opportunities to improve upon the interoperability. The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS) will be creating Strategic Technology Reserves for each of the seven regional response teams and the two WOHS Mobile Support Vehicles. These reserves will be used to help bridge the interoperable communications gaps between WyoLink users and Conventional radio users.

During the WYDOT Master Trainer Class, the importance of the use of the MAT talkgroups was discussed. The importance of the role play, using a scenario, was beneficial to the knowledge level of the class participants. Marty McCoy, Robert Wilson and Bob Symons are working on setting up a meeting with the Forest Service Communications personnel on WyoLink benefits and how to bridge the interoperable communications gap.

#### Colorado/Wyoming Interoperability

Bob Symons informed the committee of a meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009 that Robert Wilson, Marty McCoy and Bob will be attending in Colorado with the Consolidated Communications Network of Colorado. This meeting will be technical level meeting pertaining to how the two networks could be connected. Both States use the same vendor and have identical equipment for their state-wide systems.

Bob Symons read a December 9, 2009 news release from the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) through Governor Freudenthal's office pertaining to the Certification for Spectrum Support from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Spectrum Planning Subcommittee. *Copy of the news release is attached to the minutes for reference.*

Chairman Janes brought up DATA on WyoLink and asked if the committee would be willing to take on this subject as a committee. The committee agreed to work on this subject if the PSCC Chairman assigns it to the committee.

Discussion on having Committee meetings the day before the PSCC meeting. It is important to continue to have meetings between the PSCC meeting and providing enough time to fully evaluate any matters brought before the committees.

**Marty McCoy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Archerd. The motion passed on a voice vote.** Chairman Janes adjourned the meeting at 415 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Symons,  
PSCC Administrative Support

Attachment: WyoLink Application Spreadsheet  
OCIO News Release