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Public Safety Communications Commission

Interoperability Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2009
Wyoming Fire Academy – Riverton, WY
And Phone Conference Call

Chairman Billy Janes called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm on September 17, 2009.

Members in Attendance: Billy Janes – Phone, Dale Pawling – Phone, Mark Harshman, Lanny Applegate, Lauri Wempen, Jim Archerd, Robert Wilson, Marty McCoy

Others in Attendance: Steve Myrum for Kebin Haller – Phone, Bob Symons, Andy Bellendir, Bryan Morehouse, Dave Riegert, Dan Perko, Philip Bond, Debbi Serke, Wayne Peterson, and Margaret Spearman.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the June 1, 2009 meeting. **Lanny Applegate made a motion to approve the June 1, 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty McCoy. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

WyoLink Applications

Administrative Support Symons reviewed the applications that have been received since June 1, 2009. Those applications are from the following agencies:

Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, North Colorado Med Evac, Tower Communications and Automation Inc., Byron Police Department, Big Horn County Sheriff, Big Horn County Emergency Management, Big Horn County Fire Protection District #1, Greybull Fire Department, Big Horn County Fire Protection District #5, Cowley Police Department, Lovell Police Department, Atwood Family Ambulance, Big Horn County Coroner, Wireless Advanced Communications, Converse County Road and Bridge and Johnson County YMCA

Membership list attached to the minutes for reference

Discussion on Johnson County YMCA application. The committee requested the Johnson County YMCA develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Johnson County and upon the signing of the MOU, resubmit the application.

Lanny Applegate made a motion to approve the applications except for the Johnson County YMCA and provide an opportunity to the YMCA to sign a memorandum of understanding with Johnson County, the re-submit the application. The motion was seconded by Jim Archerd. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Administrative Support Symons will send a letter to the Johnson County YMCA requesting an MOU with Johnson County and resubmit the application.

Data over WyoLink

Robert Wilson, WYDOT Telecom, led a discussion on data over WyoLink. WYDOT had implemented an automatic vehicle location (AVL) over WyoLink demonstration earlier this year with two different companies. On September 17th the Transportation Commission authorized an award of an additional 125 units with basic capabilities to CompassCom. WYDOT is also using an "IWAPI" system for communicating maintenance decisions support system weather data to WYDOT maintenance vehicles, mainly snow plows. They plan to research dual mode (WyoLink low speed data and cellular broadband) technology to improve data communication capabilities.

Bryan Morehouse, Goshen County Sheriff's Office stated significant progress has been made with the connectivity between the local agency mobile data computers (MDC) in Goshen County on WyoLink to the WyoLink master site. There are some problems with the link between WyoLink and the radios in Goshen County. They are currently investigating a VPN change to correct the connection problem. WyoLink will be evaluating the impact of system loading. A question was asked about what hardware is required to make the data connections. The radio with data capabilities is required to connect to the mobile data computer. The software package being used needs to have packet latency capabilities due to the low speed of the data connection.

Mr. Wilson has been participating on the National Public Safety Telecom Council (NPSTC) 700 MHz broadband task force. This task force was formed to develop a set of minimum requirements for regional 700 MHz broadband networks to ensure future interoperability and compatibility. The need for the overarching requirements developed as many major US cities have begun to file FCC waivers to build regional systems. The task force recommendations intend to have the regional networks to be interoperable and allow roaming as part of a nationwide broadband data system and provide access to the internet. The recommended platform specified by the NPSTC broadband task force is the Long Term Evolution (LTE). The report is published and available at: http://npstc.org/documents/700_MHz_BBTF_Final_Report_0090904_v1_1.pdf On September 15, 2009, NPSTC accepted the 700 MHz Broadband report and sent it to the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST), then it should be forwarded to the FCC to consider in their decision process for allocation of the 700 MHz spectrum. Wyoming may be able to partner with private companies to develop a broadband plan.

Lanny Applegate made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lauri Wempen. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons,

Administrative Support