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# State of Wyoming

## Public Safety Communications Commission

### WyoLink Operations and Interoperability Executive Committee

Minutes for December 6, 2010

Emerson Building Room 321 and Phone Conference Call  
Cheyenne, WY

The joint meeting of the WyoLink Operations and Interoperability Executive committee was called to order by Chairman Billy Janes at 3:30 pm.

Members present: Robert Wilson, Marty McCoy, Bob Dean, Jim Archerd and Bob Symons.

Members on the Phone Conference Call: Billy Janes, Mark Harshman, Lanny Applegate, Bill Morse, Dave Johnson, Bob Wyatt, Mark Joiner, Danny Glick, Laurie Wempen, Steve Myrum, Dave Riegert, and Patty Bauer.

**WyoLink Training Update** – Bob Symons stated they have not had a meeting with the Law Enforcement Academy and Fire Marshal's Office trainers. A meeting will be planned which will include the WYDOT trainers and the WYDOT Training office. WYDOT may be used to help develop a training video, this will be included in the future meeting. A question was asked about funding the development of a training video and Fire Marshal Applegate stated there may training grant funds available.

**Minutes** – Lanny Applegate made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2010 joint WyoLink Operations and Interoperability Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Bill Morse and passed on a voice vote.

**Hallick Ridge** – WyoLink Support Manager stated WyoLink is waiting on the completion of the BLM permit process before construction may commence. The site equipment has been ordered, with some equipment currently in storage. The frequency plan has passed coordination and an application has been submitted to the FCC. Construction will start spring of 2011 as soon as feasible. Marty McCoy and Robert Wilson lead a discussion on the possibility of WYDOT setting up a temporary site and having a portable site available for other site possibilities. The portable site is in the concept phase at this time.

**Casper Migration Update** – Marty McCoy provided an update on the migration of Natrona County/Casper 800 MHz site to WyoLink. The talkgroups id's have been created and the Casper vendor is currently working on the codeplug development. The Alcatel microwave equipment has been ordered and some of the equipment has not arrived. There is other equipment that has been backordered, but WyoLink has equipment that may be used until the equipment arrives.

**Broadband and Mobile Data Update** – The LinkWyoming Public Safety Survey request was sent out in October. About 40 survey's had been returned and the survey request was resent in November. There was discussion on the National Broadband Plan at the SAFECOM ERC meeting attended by Bob Symons. During this meeting, a presentation was made by some White House stating the President is reviewing the broadband plan and has not made a policy statement, at this time. There is currently a few bills in Congress pertaining to the 700 MHz spectrum and public safety mobile broadband.

**Narrowbanding** – Bob Symons presented information on the current push by the SAFECOM ERC and Statewide Interoperable Coordinators (SWIC) to provide information on the narrowband December 31, 2012 deadline. The FCC has setup a new website on Narrowbanding [www.fcc.gov/narrowbanding](http://www.fcc.gov/narrowbanding). After the December National Conference of SWIC's, Bob Symons will be providing more information on narrowbanding which will help agencies with the narrowband transition planning. It was stated agencies with sharing frequency agreements are liable for making sure those agencies are also operating with narrowband equipment after December 31, 2012. WYDOT is planning on narrowbanding the Wyoming Mutual Aid channel in 2012 and discussing the other WYDOT channels, no decisions on those channels at this time.

**Other Discussions** – Fire Marshal Applegate stated the Wyoming Fire Marshal's Office and Wyoming Forestry had sent out a survey on WyoLink usage now and in the future. The survey results indicated usage from no desire to agencies moving toward WyoLink migration. Concerns were noted on working with those agencies and counties which have not indicated WyoLink usage and making contact with them to provide WyoLink Information. Marty McCoy provided an update on the WyoLink sites which are in permitting and construction.

Robert Wilson has been attending the LinkWyoming Guidance Committee meetings pertaining to the contract on the mapping and planning Broadband in Wyoming. Public Safety does not have a representative on the committee. The Wyoming Rural Development Council is creating regional broadband planning teams and is seeking public safety representatives to help with the development of grass root planning on the future of broadband in Wyoming. Rob Wilson attended the Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) seminar in Boulder, Colorado and provided an update on that seminar. Robert Wilson also provided an update on his conversations with Verizon and Dan Hawkins, DHS-OEC Regional Coordinator, pertaining to commercial cell phone data and working with neighboring states on working together to leverage a larger area for mobile broadband coverage.

**New Members** – Bob Symons reviewed the current WyoLink Membership applications from September 2010. The applications from Green River Police Department, Converse County Emergency Management, Hulett Police Department, Laramie County Public Works, Laramie County Fire Districts #3, #5 and #10, American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Casper/Natrona County Public Safety Communications, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Colorado Division of Emergency Management and Rock Springs Regional Ambulance. An application was received from the Buckskin Coal Mine in Campbell County. Bob Symons recommended a letter be sent to the Buckskin Mine requesting a letter of support from Campbell County Emergency Management. The Western Wyoming Community College application was removed from the table.

**Bob Dean made a motion to approve the WyoLink applications and recommend the PSCC approve the applications for Green River Police Department, Converse County Emergency Management, Hulett Police Department, Laramie County Public Works, Laramie County Fire Districts #3, #5 and #10, Casper/Natrona County Public Safety Communications, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Colorado Division of Emergency Management and Rock Springs Regional Ambulance. The motion was seconded by Dave Johnson and the motion passed on a voice vote.**

**Lanny Applegate made a motion to approve the application for American Medical Response Ambulance Service contingent upon a letter from Laramie County sponsoring the application. The motion was seconded by Bob Wyatt and the motion passed on a voice vote.**

Discussion on the Western Wyoming Community College WyoLink application. Mark Harshman has met with the security chiefs of the Wyoming Community colleges. There was support for the security services to have WyoLink capabilities but not the campus maintenance services. Bob Symons will be sending Western Wyoming Community College a letter clarifying the position of the PSCC on security services and not maintenance service.

Discussion on the Buckskin Coal Mine WyoLink application. **Bob Wyatt made a motion to request a letter of support from Campbell County for the Buckskin Coal Mine before approving their application. The motion was seconded by Marty McCoy and passed on a voice vote.**

**Legislature Demonstration** – Bob Symons stated he has been working with Representative Quarberg on scheduling a room and date for the legislative WyoLink demonstration. Representative Quarberg will be the House Transportation Committee Chair and she has talked to Senator Schiffer, the Senate Transportation Committee Chair, about the demonstration and both feel this will be beneficial. Mark Harshman requested a meeting with the WyoLink Operations Work Group to plan the WyoLink demonstration. Bob Symons will be setting up a phone conference meeting the week of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Wyatt and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Symons