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Public Safety Communications Commission

Interoperability Executive Committee

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Phone Conference Call and Wyoming Office of Homeland Security

Chairman Skip Hornecker called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Phone Conference Call: Skip Hornecker, Carl Freeman, Robert Wilson and Craig Post - Wyoming Office of Homeland Security – Marty McCoy and Bob Symons

Bob Symons provided an overview and suggested changes to Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The SCIP was created in 2008 as part of the Public Safety Interoperable Communication Grant. The SCIP update is now on line and the resulting E-SCIP is much shorter and is meant to be a strategic plan.

The PSCC WyoLink Recommendations were used to develop the draft goals and initiatives. The following are the draft goals:

Goal 1 – Improve WyoLink coverage in rural areas identified through users experience, mobile coverage testing and benefit to WyoLink.

Initiative 1 – Add new WyoLink sites in the Alcova Area – Natrona County, north western Sublette County – Bondurant area, and Northern Goshen County

Initiative 2 – Add new WyoLink sites in the southern portion of the Big Horn Mountains – Ten Sleep area, Northern Big Horn County and Orin Junction – Converse County

Goal 2 – Improve WyoLink portable radio coverage in urban areas identified through users experience and coverage testing.

Initiative 1 – Add WyoLink Portable Coverage enhancement sites in community areas with a minimum population base of 3,500 persons. Rock Springs, Evanston, Jackson, Buffalo and Newcastle

Initiative 2 – Add WyoLink Portable Coverage Enhancement sites in community areas with a minimum population base of 1,200 persons. Sundance, Greybull, Lusk and Wright

Goal 3 – Replace obsolete Quantar base radios with GTR8000 base radios.

Initiative 1 – Replace the 346 Quantar base radios before the WyoLink System upgrades to the Operating Version 7.18

Goal 4 – Convert the leased T1 circuits to a Broadband Unified Network, reducing the monthly leased charges.

Goal 5 – Create a standard budget for the WyoLink System ongoing costs including hardware maintenance, software maintenance and broadband costs.

Goal 6 – Review and upgrade WyoLink and Interoperable Communication training program

Initiative 1 – Review and upgrade WyoLink Handbook

Initiative 2 – Review and revise training program to include videos

Initiative 3 – Explore a help desk availability during business hours

Initiative 4 – Continue the Train-the-trainer training and seek out users wanting training on a regular basis.

Goal 7 – Review and revise interoperability program to include interoperable talkgroups, conventional national interoperable channels, vehicular repeaters, and federal interoperable channels.

Another goal will be to identify the portable and mobile radio standards for grants and purchasing.

The goal is to have the revised SCIP to the PSCC at the June 2016 meeting. Bob Symons will include the draft goals and initiatives in the minutes and will request more information from the committee. Chairman Hornecker requested all revisions returned to Bob Symons by March 1, 2016. The committee will meet before the March PSCC meeting to complete a draft and submit to the PSCC at the March meeting in draft form for their review.

Bob Symons provided an update on the Communication Unit recognition program. There is a statewide group working on an Incident Management Team recognition program and the communication unit recognition will be provided to that work group. Bob Symons will be asking the Communication Unit Work Group to meet and finalize the recognition program.

Being no further business, Chairman Hornecker adjourned the meeting at 2:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons