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Public Safety Communications Commission

SALECS Work Group
Meeting of April 16, 2010
Phone Conference

Chairman Bill Westerfield called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Participants on Phone: Bill Westerfield, Jim Siler, Richard Bolin, Steve DeCecco, Patty Bauer, Bill Morse – WHP, Dan Hodge – Outfitters, Forrest Tellock – Forest Service, Mark Joiner – BLM, Scott Harris – WyoLink, Bob Symons – PSCC, Larry Sheridan – WYDOT

Discussion on migration from conventional SALECS to WyoLink.

WY Highway Patrol Dispatch related problems with low volume with some users and some users had very high volume. Dick Bolin will send the agencies the listing of their radios that have experienced problems. The email will be sent to Bill Westerfield, Steve DeCecco and Jim Siler on the volume problem radios and radio with potential coverage problems.

Is BLM using WyoLink? One of the frequency allocations provided by NTIA has been identified as the BLM and Forest Service FIRE 1 frequency, this allocation affects one channel on Copper Mountain. The Department of Interior is working on providing a replacement allocation for this frequency. All but one BLM Ranger has been converted to WyoLink. Ranger 41, Rock Springs, has not been migrated to WyoLink. BLM is not using the Emergency Button.

The sharing of radios by more than one person does not allow for the dispatchers to have accurate aliases displayed. The emergency button will indicate the alias on the operator. It takes time to identify the user if the user is using a radio not identified. The alias is keyed to the radio ID not just through the radio. The mobile radio does not provide the alias information on the radio display and the portable radio does. The radio ID's may be changed by the WyoLink office. The radio operators should let dispatch know if they are using a radio that does not identify them as an alias. Bill Westerfield will work on a procedure for State Parks when using a shared vehicle. Steve DeCecco will work with Game and Fish to develop a procedure on radio sharing.

Chairman Westerfield had to leave the meeting at 10:30 am. Bob Symons became the meeting moderator.

Forrest Tellock's, Forest Service, radios have been programmed and Bob Symons will program the rest of the Forest Service radios and prepare them for WyoLink migration. Forrest has been testing and has found the coverage is better than the conventional SALECS. The Forest Service emergency buttons are not programmed. Scan lists have not been developed for the Forest Service radios.

Dan Hodge, Outfitters, stated their radios have been read but at this time have not been programmed for WyoLink. Bob Symons will follow up with Dan Hodge on timing the programming of the radios.

Game and Fish is working on scan lists for their radios. Programming of the scan lists have been put on hold until a procedure can be developed for all Game and Fish radios. When using mix mode scanning, the user may lose priority scan. Scanning on WyoLink presents problems that agencies need to become aware of before scanning. Scan lists need to be developed for each agency and could become quite complex. Game and Fish are using portable radios and conventional channels at this time. The background noise is higher using WyoLink talkgroups. A suggestion was made to hold the microphone closer to the mouth when using a radio in high noise area.

The volume problems that other users are experiencing may be a result of holding the microphone too far from the mouth. The SALECS users will test the system having the operators holding the mike closer to the mouth. Noise cancelling remote mike may also help in the high noise areas, Motorola part number PMMN 4045A.

Bob Symons will schedule another SALECS meeting the week of March 17th.

Being no further business, Bob Symons adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Symons,
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