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Public Safety Communications Commission

SALECS Working Group
Meeting of August 28, 2008

Attendees: William Westerfield – State Parks – Chairman, Steve DeCecco – Game and Fish– Telephone, Jim Siler – Wyoming Livestock Board, Patty Bauer – Highway Patrol Dispatch, Richard Bolin – Highway Patrol Dispatch, Bill Morse – Wyoming Highway Patrol, and Bob Symons – PSCC Administrative Support.

Chairman Westerfield called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Discussion on State Law Enforcement Communications System Rules

The SALECS Work Group was assigned the review of the State Law Enforcement Communication System Rules adopted in 1981 by then PSCC Chairman Steve DeCecco. Chairman Westerfield stated that he has reviewed the rules multiple times and feels that these rules could be abolished. The PSCC Rules and State Statute 9-2-1101 through 9-2-1104 have made these rules obsolete.

Bob Symons stated that the 1981 rules allow for the dispatch services to be charged to those state agencies that use the Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch. The PSCC Rules (Chapter 2, Section 5) allows for the PSCC to review the operational and maintenance requirements and expenditures to determine fees. And Chapter 2 Section 1 of the PSCC Rules states the PSCC “shall adopt policies and procedures to provide administrative guidance and control over the maintenance and operation of WyoLink and other State of Wyoming owned statewide radio communication systems”.

Discussion on the charging of fees for dispatch services. The intent of the PSCC rule was to allow the PSCC to set the fees for dispatching services since those services are part of the expenditures and operational costs for the SALECS radio system. The Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch Center makes the decisions on the agencies that they will provide dispatch services.

The policies and procedures for the SALECS radio system could be developed, if needed, by the PSCC.

Steve DeCecco made a motion to recommend the Public Safety Communication Commission adopt a rule to repeal the State Law Enforcement Communication Systems Rules – Rules 25, 27, 28 and 29 as filed by the Secretary of State. The motion was seconded by Richard Bolin and passed on a voice vote.

Discussion on SALECS migration to WyoLink

Chairman Westerfield asked about when the Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch would be ready for the transition of SALECS to WyoLink. The WHP Dispatch Center is capable of using WyoLink at this time and the Patrol may migrate some of the Highway Patrol Divisions this fall. A concern for

the WHP dispatch is the policies and procedures that Dispatch will be using for WyoLink. WHP Dispatch will be making significant changes as to the operation of the dispatch center when the migration to WyoLink occurs. The Dispatch Center would like to allow for the Highway Patrol migrate some users and see how this will affect the operators before adding more users.

Discussion on the reliability of the T-1 telephone lines to the dispatch centers. Qwest has replaced the Network Interface Unit Shelf and the stability of the T-1 lines has been corrected. Since this replacement no problems have been noted with the T-1 lines.

SALECS users should be looking after the first of the year before migrating to WyoLink. This is the least busy time of the year for radio communications with SALECS users. The SALECS users will need to have their radios programmed with the SALECS talkgroups and Agency talkgroups. The SALECS agencies need to finalize their talkgroup plans.

Discussion on the proposed SALECS talkgroups and SALECS regional map. Patty Bauer provided examples of how the dispatch center may be handling the calls to dispatch from SALECS users and compared the current use to WyoLink. Discussion on how the emergency button may be used by SALECS users. The SALECS users will have to make decisions on how the radios will be programmed including the buttons and how the talkgroups will be designed.

Discussion on the training that the users will need before migrating to WyoLink.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Symons, PSCC Administrative Support

Attachments: SALECS Region Map
SALECS Talkgroup Plan