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Public Safety Communications Commission

SALECS Work Group
Meeting of November 20, 2009
Barrett Building, Cheyenne and Phone Conference

Chairman Bill Westerfield called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Members present; Bill Westerfield, Jim Siler, Patty Bauer, Richard Bolin and Steve DeCecco – phone.

Other present: Bill Morse – WHP, Jim Frank – WOHS, Marty McCoy – WyoLink, Bob Symons – PSCC, Nancy Martinz – USFS – Phone, Mike Choma – Game & Fish – Phone, and Forrest Tellock – USFS – Phone.

Discussion on cutover from conventional SALECS to WyoLink. The current planned date is February 1, 2010. One of the main issues for completing the cut-over is the programming of radios. Steve DeCecco, Game and Fish, stated all of the primary vehicles have compliant radios installed. There are radios in some equipment and spares that need to be purchased. Game and Fish will purchase more radios within the next couple of weeks. The biggest holdup is the asset assignment, in what vehicles the radios are installed and the employee using the vehicle, that needs to be updated and verified.

Discussion on what it takes to develop a codeplug for programming radios for WyoLink usage. **Every radio needs to be read to determine the current codeplug, sent to WyoLink for the trunking programming and then the codeplug will be wrote back into the radio. Essentially every radio will need to be touched twice to complete the radio programming. WYDOT may or may not have the current codeplug on file and it is important that the current radio programming or it will be over written.** Kim Lee, Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS), has worked with Larry Sheridan, WYDOT, to have the WOHS radio technicians help with the reading and writing of the SALECS radios.

Marty McCoy explained the process that is used to update the codeplug by WyoLink for trunking. The codeplug, radio programming, includes the features, buttons, switches, menu and talkgroup plan, channels or talkgroups installed in each radio. The Game & Fish and State Parks talkgroup plans are completed. Marty stated a template is created with the first codeplug received for each agency and then clones are made, with some changes for the other codeplugs.

A count of radio by agency was discussed. Game and Fish has approximately 200 radios, State Parks has 66 radios, Livestock Board has 10 radios, Forest Service has 7 radios and the Outfitters have at least two radios. The Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) radios have been read and the codeplugs have been received by WyoLink.

Bob Symons will check with Larry Sheridan on November 23rd for the schedule for reading the SALECS agency radios. The agencies discussed scheduling their radios and asked if WOHS would be willing to read multiple agency radios when they are traveling around the state and Jim Frank told them yes. A codeplug from each agency and each type of radio needs to be sent to WyoLink for the development of the template. The sooner this is accomplished would be a big help to the WyoLink Support Office. All agencies have Motorola radios, WOHS does not have the programming equipment for radios other than Motorola. The schedule will be sent out as soon as it is ready to all agency representatives.

Discussion on the planned cut-over date of February 1, 2010 and the migration without some of the radio sites in the western part of the State not completed. Wyoming Highway Patrol has started the migration to WyoLink, but the Jackson area is still using conventional. Patrol Dispatch wants to limit the number of conventional use because of manpower required for multiple radio systems. SALECS conventional will stay operational, but will be used as backup system. A concern was raised on the timing of two touches of the radios and the training required for WyoLink. The migration to WyoLink by the SALECS agencies will be March 1, 2010.

The SALECS agencies will need to decide how the emergency button will be programmed, what talkgroup will be used and how the agency will respond to the emergency call.

On February 15th or sooner the SALECS agencies will have a discussion on how the migration planning and tasks are going. If a change in migration date is needed, it will be decided at that time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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