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## Public Safety Communications Commission

SALECS Work Group  
Minutes for September 12, 2011  
Phone Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve DeCecco at 10:10 am.

Members and guest in attendance: Steve DeCecco Bill Westerfield, Jim Siler, Patty Bauer, Richard Bolin, Marty McCoy, and Bob Symons

### **Current Status of WyoLink and SALECS Agencies**

Dick Bolin stated Patrica Carnes, U.S. Forest Service Denver Colorado, sent an email inquiring about the dispatch services provided to SALECS agencies. Dick Bolin and Bob Symons will discuss this request.

State Parks – Bill Westerfield – It has been a good summer with little problems. One incident on Boysen had a few problems, mainly due to training and knowledge of the radio programming. Fremont County is using WyoLink and the responding personnel had a few problems finding the 10CAT1 talkgroups. Mr. Westerfield is reviewing the programming and may make changes to make it easier to find and use talkgroups within the Zones. Each zone is set up to provide the channels and talkgroups commonly used in the area of operation. Mr. Westerfield forwarded the channel plan to the work group.

Game and Fish is going to review their programming plan and may make changes to simplify the plan for their users.

### **Interoperability**

The work group held a discussion on Interoperability. The WyoLink talkgroup plans include the WyoLink interoperability talkgroups and the conventional interoperable channels. There is a disconnect between what is programmed into the agency radios and the training and knowledge of the end users. More training on the interoperable talkgroups and conventional channels is needed. Each county has four CAT talkgroups for interoperability and there are 32 MAT talkgroups, four for each of the Homeland Security regional response regions.

Discussion on how a SALECS user would contact a local agency. The local dispatch centers have been asked to monitor the local county CAT calling talkgroups and the regional MAT calling talkgroups. The calling CAT talkgroups are the ##CAT1 (## = county number) and the MAT calling talkgroups are the MAT1, MAT2, etc. Wyoming Highway Patrol does not monitor or record the CAT talkgroups. CAT talkgroups are meant for interoperability between county agencies and the MAT talkgroups are for interoperability between multiple county agencies,

state agencies and Federal agencies. It is unclear on how agencies are scanning or monitoring talkgroups. Having a SALECS user contact the local dispatch center to request an officer contact the SALECS user on the local MAT calling talkgroup. The local dispatcher could then contact the officer and have that officer contact the SALECS user. All of the MAT calling talkgroups are available on the SALECS consoles. The overall goal is to have the PSCC develop an interoperability plan for all dispatch center and WyoLink users. The WyoLink Handbook already describes interoperability, but a simplified protocol could help all agencies with interoperability. Bob Symons will work with the Interoperability Executive Committee to develop an interoperability field guide.

Wyoming Livestock – Jim Siler – Wyoming Livestock is fairly pleased with the transition to WyoLink. There are questions on the programming of the radio and the talkgroup naming to make it easier for the users.

Wyoming Game and Fish – There are a few places with coverage problems. The conventional SALECS channels are still usable in areas where there is WyoLink coverage problems. Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch has continued to monitor the conventional SALECS. Game and Fish is having their personnel, knowing when they are working in an area with coverage problems, contact Dispatch and the unit is switching to the conventional SALECS. Patching is available to combine WyoLink talkgroups with conventional channels, when requested and for short term communications. A policy on patching and who may request a patch should be developed. A heads up to Dispatch on events which may require patching is very helpful. Bob Symons will work with Highway Patrol Dispatch to develop a protocol on patching.

Being no further business, Chairman DeCecco adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Symons