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## Public Safety Communications Commission

WyoLink Operations Work Group Meeting  
January 11, 2010  
Phone Conference Call

Chairman Mark Harshman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Meeting participants: Mark Harshman, Danny Glick, Dave Johnson, Bill Morse, Bob Wyatt, Marty McCoy, Bill Walter, Dale Stalder, Margaret Spearman, Patty Bauer and Bob Symons

Old Business – WyoLink Legislature Demonstration

Bob Symons reviewed the Wyoming Legislature Demonstration document which was provided to the work group prior to the meeting. The demonstration is scheduled for January 20, 2011 upon noon recess in Room 302 of the Wyoming Capitol. The demonstration, including lunch should be one hour maximum. The demonstration outline included communities within each regional response area and state and federal agencies which will be invited to participate in the demonstration. The demonstration will use MAT0 for all communications between participants and all participants will be briefed on the demonstration before the demonstration. The demonstration will include agencies using 800 MHz radios.

Discussion on the WyoLink demonstration. Bob Symons will contact the agencies to explain the demonstration and ask for their assistance during the demonstration. It was decided that a practice run be completed on January 18<sup>th</sup> with all participants. Marty McCoy will develop the script for the actual demonstration. Mark Harshman and Bob Symons will work on the script for the demonstration including the WyoLink overview which will be presented to the legislators.

The WyoLink information needs to be simple, understandable to non-technical people and acronyms should not be used. The information presented to the legislators includes the current status of WyoLink, membership information, portable coverage enhancement and challenges. A question and answer period will be provided.

The work group decided no vendors will be involved. Debbi Serke and Barb May, Motorola, will be asked to attend for technical questions. Margaret Spearman was asked to attend to help provide background information and assistance with the legislators.

The scenario used for the demonstration will be a severe weather incident which involves all of Wyoming. The scenario needs to be realistic. Some of the visual aids that were discussed includes: site pictures, system diagram, PSCC Governor's Report, December WyoLink Governor's Report and a large map to the current status of WyoLink. Radios from all of the current vendors will be on display and used during the demonstration.

Bob Symons will create the demonstration script and send to Mark Harshman for review. Bob will send the work group copies of the minutes with the scripts attached for their review and comments. The participating agencies will be sent the scripts and schedule upon their completion. Marty McCoy will work on making sure all radios are properly programmed and the script for the demonstration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Symons  
PSCC Administrative Support.

Attachment:

#### WyoLink Legislature Demonstration

1. January 20, 2011 – Capitol Building Room 302 – Upon noon recess – 1 hour
  - a. Mobile radio, Portable radios from all vendors – Bendix King, EF Johnson, Kenwood, Motorola, and Tait
2. Region 1 – Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook and Weston Counties
  - a. Sheridan – Rich Adriens/Jenifer Shassetz
  - b. Johnson – Marilyn Connolly
  - c. Campbell – Ron Smith – 682-5319, Roy Seaman, Dave Adsit
3. Region 2 – Natrona, Converse, and Niobrara Counties
  - a. Natrona – Mark Harshman
4. Region 3 – Albany and Carbon Counties
  - b. Albany – Mitch Cushman, Dale Stalder
5. Region 4 – Sweetwater, Uinta and Lincoln Counties
  - a. Sweetwater – Jerry Glascock, Rich Hawkins
6. Region 5 – Fremont, Sublette and Teton Counties
  - a. Fremont – Carl Freeman, Lauri Wempen
  - b. Teton – Rich Ochs
7. Region 6 – Washakie, Hot Springs, Big Horn and Park Counties
  - a. Washakie – Chris Kocher
  - b. Park – Martin Knapp, Mike Connors
8. Region 7 – Laramie, Platte and Goshen Counties
  - a. Laramie – Danny Glick, Rob Cleveland
  - b. Goshen – Billy Janes, Bryan Morehouse
9. State Agencies
  - a. Highway Patrol – Bill Morse
  - b. WYDOT – Robert Wilson
  - c. Game and Fish – Steve DeCecco
  - d. State Parks – Bill Westerfield
  - e. DCI – Brian Eggleston

10. Federal Agencies
  - a. FBI – Bill Walter
  - b. ICE – Cory Dunne
  - c. National Weather Service – CHY – John Griffith; RIV – Chris Jones
  
11. Demonstration
  - a. All communications will be on MATO
  - b. Other talkgroups may be used to demonstrate multiple calls
  - c. All participants will be briefed on actual demonstration
  - d. All radios will need to be checked for proper programming
  - e. Make sure dispatch centers are involved
  - f. Demonstrate VHF to 800 MHz – Gillette, Cheyenne and Natrona County (If possible)
  
12. Scenario – Severe Weather Statewide

All communications will begin in Cheyenne or Riverton, with the National Weather Service issuing a Statewide Severe Weather Warning.

- a. Starting in the Northwest, track winter storm to the southeast.
- b. Field users will be asked to contact users in neighboring areas.
- c. FBI may demonstrate communications to Denver Regional Office.
- d. Marty is developing script to be used by field users.

## **Legislature**

### WyoLink Overview

48 of 56 core sites operational

4 sites on Forest Service or BLM lands have been permitted and under construction: Big Horn National Forest, Pinkham Mountain in Colorado, Northern Lincoln County and Teton County

4 sites are currently in the Federal leasing process - 2 sites in Bridger Teton Forest – Teton County, 1 site in Caribou National Forest – Idaho/Lincoln County, 1 site on BLM – Halleck Ridge – Elk Mountain area of I-80

The WyoLink budget includes funding for 1 additional undetermined site.

### Portable Coverage Enhancement

Torrington Site operational

City of Gillette developed 2 800 MHz sites and they are operational

Casper/Natrona County conversion under progress with an early February completion

Engineering documents completed on Laramie, Lander, and Riverton

Site reviews completed at Thermopolis and Rawlins

Funding available for 15 total enhancement sites. The PSCC will work with Counties to review the possibility of using grant funding to provide funding for additional enhancement sites.

### WyoLink Membership

216 Agencies have started the WyoLink Membership process with 173 agencies having signed membership agreements.

79 Federal, State and local agencies are registered to use WyoLink

7500 radios are registered on WyoLink

WyoLink usage has increased from 1.8 million calls during 2009 to 7.524 million calls in 2010.

### WyoLink Equipment

WyoLink compatible equipment on display

### Challenges

- Continuing the emphasis on increased utilization and partnerships
- Communicating and collaborating with potential user agencies on WyoLink membership
- Continuing user training
- Enabling communications between agencies using WyoLink and other agencies retaining their conventional, analog radio systems
- Maintaining the WyoLink system – both hardware and software updates
- Permitting the sites on federal lands
- Providing helicopter access to Pow Wow Point tower site
- Finishing Portable Coverage Enhancement Sites

### Demonstration – Marty

Severe Weather starting in the northwest part of state moving rapidly to southeast