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Governor

Mark Harshman
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State of Wyoming

Public Safety Communications Commission

WyoLink Operations Work Group Meeting and Executive Committee
May 15, 2014
City Center Building, Casper, WY and Phone Conference Call

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

Casper: Robert Wilson, Marty McCoy, Bob Wyatt, Mark Harshman and Bob Symons

Phone Conference Call: Skip Hornecker, Dan Perko, Perry Jones, Dave Johnson, Jim Archerd, Patty Bauer, Dave Riegert, William Walter and Vernon Hill.

Life Cycle Plan for WyoLink

Martin McCoy presented the WyoLink Life Cycle Plan. Discussion on a Life Cycle Plan for WyoLink. The goal will be to create a 10 year life cycle plan for WyoLink and become part of the Annual Report to the Governor. *The draft 10 year Life Cycle Plan is attached for reference.*

In August 2014 the WyoLink System will be upgraded to version 7.14. There will be no upgrades to subscriber equipment during the 7.14 upgrade. In August 2016 the plan is to upgrade to Version 7.16, the CentraCom Gold Elite Consoles support will end. In 2018, the WyoLink upgrade will be to Version 7.18 and the Quantar Base Radios support will end, the site repeaters will need to be upgraded.

The budget figure for replacing the CentraCom Gold Elite consoles would be \$5,670,000 and another proposal would be to add the Console Sub-System Interface (CSSI) for \$430,000. The CSSI is an open standard which would allow for multiple vendors to provide dispatch consoles for the local agencies. The plan is for these costs to be budgeted during the 2016 Budget Session. The discussion with the Governor's Office has been that the consoles are the responsibility of the local agencies. The following dispatch centers are currently using CentraCom Gold Elite Consoles: Teton County, Sublette County, Fremont County-Lander, Park County – Cody, Crook County, Niobrara County, Big Horn County – Basin, Sheridan Police Dept., Hot Springs County and Riverton Police Dept. The following agencies have received quotes for MCC7500 consoles: Laramie County Combined Communication Center, Converse County/Douglas and Glenrock Police Dept. The Bureau of Indian Affairs console is a wireless console and will not need an upgrade due to the Version Updates.

The 10 year plan includes 2 additional sites to be added during the 2017/2018 budget, 2019/2020 budget, 2021/2022 budget and 2023/2024 budget.

The 10 Year Life Cycle Plan also includes the current expenditures which includes the T1 telephonic connection to the consoles, Service Agreement and the Service Upgrade Agreement. The 10 year plan has a projected budget of \$51,931,000 or an average of \$5,193,100 per year

Discussion on meeting with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) and Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) for console replacements After this initial meeting, then meet with the Governor's Office on the need for console replacements and strategize on how to fund the consoles. What budget role does the Governor's Office want the PSCC to take, provide a request through WYDOT or a separate budget for WyoLink? The PSCC was successful working with WYDOT to present the WyoLink Budget during this past legislative session. Dave Johnson will assist in setting up a meeting with WAM and WCCA.

What are the consequences if the upgrades are not done as proposed? Marty McCoy will do some additional checking on the consequences to the WyoLink system if the updates are not performed.

Guidance for Upgrading WyoLink Sites.

Martin McCoy started a discussion on what the PSCC would accept as a busy rate before adding resources to a WyoLink site. There is no standard on what an acceptable busy rate is, some have said no busies while other systems have up to 3% busies. The discussion led to whether the busies are on an event or daily usage. Some of the busies may be reduced through better communication planning and incident command. The number of busies and the busy times may vary. At what point does WyoLink and the PSCC start looking at expanding a site due to the number and the amount of time of the busy indications.

Having a threshold for the busy rate and time would allow for planning, budgeting and FCC licensing. The threshold would also be valuable for requesting additional funding. What was the starting point for adding channels at 85 South and Cheyenne Water Tank? Marty McCoy is going to provide a recommendation on the number of busies and total busy time, by site, for the work group to review.

Next PSCC Meeting

Discussion on the June 2014 PSCC meeting. The PSCC meeting will be in Riverton, Wyoming on Wednesday, June 18, 2014. Bob Symons will complete the meeting planning and will send a meeting notice to the PSCC.

Being no further business, Chairman Harshman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons