



State Interoperability Executive Committee

Minutes June 18, 2015

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Building 91, Camp Murray

1. Call to order, welcome, announcements, and introductions

Schrier called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

- Meeting agenda proposed, no objections.
- Round-robin introductions.
- Members in attendance: Ezelle, Nisbet, Harris, Batiste, Duffy, Anton Damm for Johnson, Kelly, Schrier. Via Phone: Compaan, Benedict, Gregerson

2. News and Information Roundtable

- Harris announced he was invited to Montana to speak to tribes about FirstNet and OneNet efforts in WA.
- Nisbet reported that the Annual Intelligent Transportation Societies (ITS) annual meeting is July 16-17. Conference focus is transportation and systems operations. Dominant topic was connected and autonomous users. Topic gaining momentum is connecting infrastructure to vehicles and how states will use and deploy that capability. Member Nisbet and his colleagues are working on connecting vehicle to infrastructure. DOT is focused on infrastructure development and development of applications. Schrier suggested a further presentation of opportunities for interoperability and ITS at a future meeting.
- Duffy reported recent changes in state law regarding mobilization. The new legislation (effective July 2015) expands funding for deployment of fire resources to all manmade and natural disasters. The changes only address resources not normally provided by fire depts. including immediate deployment of emergency management teams and assistance in the emergent phase of a disaster. Duffy is not expecting many requests for this level of assistance. The expanded authority will sunset in 2019. The State Fire Marshal and the Chief of the Washington State Patrol report to governor when deployment is authorized. As an example situation, a Fire Chief requests assistance through emergency operations center, the State Fire Marshall reviews the request for validity with risk assessment and provides recommendations for the WSP Chief to review. The WSP Chief has final say on any mobilization authority.
- Chief Batiste is happy to be back. Batiste congratulated Tom Wallace, recently promoted to WSP chief technology officer
- Anton Damm is reporting for SIEC Member Johnson. DNR is already busy with fire season. They are going live with three new radio sites soon, and thanks to DOT and WSP for help with locations. Several interagency fire trainings are happening in June in Rainer and Yakima.
- Ezelle reported EMD is supporting DNR and local jurisdictions impacted by fire. Preparation is underway for the 2016 Cascadia Subduction exercise. E911 updates include a few initial PSAPS migrated to NG911 and direct connection to ESInet. Next biennium there will be a concentrated effort to migrate the remaining PSAPS to NextGen. EMD is working on an RFP to replace ESInet.

Text-to-911 is live in Kitsap Co. It is not statewide yet, it will continue to be county initiative for the time being

- Kelly is busy prepping for fire season, including work on their microwave system. Whitcom recently replaced radio console and alphanumeric paging system all working well. IP based phone system will implement this fall. Partnerships with radio consoles and recording vendors has enabled recording meta data, providing more useful recordings to the 911 center. Regionalization is a hot topic around the nation. Several agencies want to join Whitcom including Caldwell ID, and Nez Perce tribe. Member Kelly was selected to present at national APCO in August on NG911 as it relates to the recording industry. Whitcom is web based text-to-911, using the same program that will be used by ESInet when it comes online.
- Compaan reported that text-to-911 is live in Snohomish Co. The go-live date for county wide CAD, RMS, field reporting, corrections, bookings, etc. has been rescheduled from June 9 to October to work out bugs and further stress test. It will provide county-wide interoperability for police, fire, and aid.
- Benedict echoed regionalization of PSAPS is a hot topic. Benedict will work with Member Ezelle on his specific questions about Clallam and Jefferson county consolidation study with ADCOMM.
- Gregerson shared that AWC conference is next week. Schrier will present; Mayor Gregerson will be there as well.
- Schrier reminded the audience that APCO-NENA is also next week and that OneNet will be there.
- No public comments when the floor was opened.

3. Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Revision

Schrier explained that the SCIP plan has not been revised since 2007 when it was created. OneNet gathered input from across the state at two SCIP meetings in August 2014 and February 2015 for the current revision. Many parts of the SCIP remain the same including a systems of systems approach as well as a measure of results. A systems list has been added, it is incomplete and currently includes the systems that have participated so far. The systems list will continue to be a work in progress.

- Member Harris suggested reaching out to Tribal nations to add them to the systems list and OneNet will make that an action item with the help of Harris.

Schrier called attention to governance, goals, and initiatives on page 12.

Goals for 2017 include: Request funds for staffing support for SIEC, as there are no dedicated staffers or a dedicated SWIC. SIEC will be request to add more voting members including a formal Tribal Rep, APCO-NENA rep, and Dept. of Corrections formal voting member

Other items include SIEC acting as champions for interoperability helping identify key legislation and other people for legislative outreach and improvement of radio systems. Appendix A the systems list will continue to change and should be considered a fluid document. A motion to approve the SCIP with acknowledgment that is will be undated as milestones are met, was approved.

4. Washington OneNet (WON) Status

Shelley Westall provided an update on OneNet. WON is contracting with PNWER and WSU for additional outreach and data collection. Outreach continues, including regional workshops and tribal visits. A series of regional workshops are being planned for summer and fall. WON requests SIEC members attend workshops in their areas and help get the word out.

- Member Harris suggested attending Centennial accord, 29 tribes will attend. Westall recognized that we may have to create a separate opt in/out process for tribes and that may be part of the Centennial Accord process. Tribal outreach videos are online and being recognized by other states. WA is considered a leader in the states for tribal outreach. Harris says he showed the WON Videos to tribes in Montana and they were well received. Member Harris also met with White House Chief Tech officer Megan Smith. He was invited to National Congress of American Indians at end of month and will be on a panel to discuss FirstNet.

OneNet won seven Telly Awards in 2015 for outreach videos. (The Telly Awards is the premier award honoring the finest film and video productions, groundbreaking web commercials, videos and films, and outstanding local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs). WON thanks all of the SIEC members who participated in the production and helped make it an award winning production. Tribal Nations by the Numbers infographic highlights economic contributions of tribes to Washington State. WON is using the infographic to education FirstNet about how tribal and rural communities and the state in general are impacted by disasters on tribal lands and illustrated the greater need for coverage in rural areas.

The Data collection or Phase 2 of the SLIGP grant is rolling out soon. WON, in partnership with the Washington State University, has created an online survey for public safety entities. The data will be used to design the state plan for Washington. WSU will forward a weblink and login info for the survey to user agencies. A FAQ is available online. Data information will be due July 31 and September 30. There will be a separate/parallel survey for data collection that will be directed to tribes.

The NTIA announced that the grant period for the State and Local Implementation Grant Program is extended for an additional 18 months until February 2018. However, the grant funding will not be increased to accommodate the extended timeframes. NTIA requires WON share the draft revision to extend the existing budget 18 months. Overall budget number is the same, but several budgets have changed based on program needs and changes. A motion to approve the draft OneNet budget was unanimously passed.

OneNet's response to FirstNet's 2nd notice is that WA prefers the use of commercial devices on FirstNet. WON's response to the 3rd notice supports a broad definition of public safety that should be defined during the consultation process. WON has contracted with a Special Assistant Attorney General (SAAG) to respond to future Public Notice responses.

FirstNet issued a Draft RFP on April 24th and comments are due July 23rd. WON has submitted 64 of 350 questions to FirstNet. A technical meeting on July 8 will draft OneNet comments to FirstNet's Draft RFP. The comments drafted during the technical committee meeting will be sent to SIEC via email to weigh in on any policy comments before final submission.

Future efforts include continued outreach, data collection, and coverage mapping.

- Member Kelly brought up that PSAPS are working on their own mapping project. We should work together to avoid recreating the wheel. WON will be using ArcGIS maps and working with the state to gather this info. Anton Damm says DNR has yearly fire maps. Batiste has collisions from WSP. Nesbit has several things that are mapped in DOT. Harris says tribes are documenting mostly in Spillman.

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Fleetnumbering presentation will be in August. No further comments or changes.

5. Washington State Patrol Narrowbanding Project

Schwent shared that WSP has completed 4 of 8 districts. District 6 may present significant coverage issues.

The project is on budget, expected to stay within budget. Project pacesetters and indicators are still in the green and Narrowbanding is on track to finish in June/July 2016. Struggles include interoperability in large metropolitan cities, or trucked systems. Some of the key factors for success include standards based multi-band radio as well as, governance partnerships and arrangements.

Major milestone in system of systems in District 4 using partnerships and multi-band. Spokane county radio system is providing infrastructure for WSP. By working together, troopers have better coverage and improved interoperability with Spokane county and city LE and Fire. Spokane County partners with Kootenai county and this has increased situational awareness. Moving into Pierce and Thurston Counties (district 12) the same shared approach is planned. WSP provided US Open radio programming support. 250 WSP troopers are able to use the Pierce County system because of partnership and standards based radio. Interoperability efforts continue and are different in each county.

6. Ongoing Projects

800 MHz Rebanding

Reconfiguration efforts are on schedule to complete in 2015. Wave 1 PFA/RFA is almost complete, wave 4 reconciliation is beginning.

SAW Committee Report

SAW members will attend the July 8 Technical Committee review of FirstNet Draft RFP. Fleet map numbering proposal presentation is planned for August.

Reviewing system and options for continuation for service management of WHEERS (Washington Hospital and Emergency Radio System). OSCCR (On-Scene Command and Control Radio) IP address discrepancies were found and are being addressed. Also the COLT (Sprint Cell on Light Truck) needs to be relocated from Camp Murray, possible new location at DNR.

7. Good of the order and Information Sharing

Nothing new to report.

A revised SIEC logo was proposed. Suggestions for change include changing the background to the shape of state and changing the tower sized to match the other letters. A motion to approve the proposed logo with changes was motioned and unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm. Next meeting is August 20, 2015, 1:30 PM, at Camp Murray.