



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: Tim McDowell for Nisbet, Batiste, Dale Mix for Bob Johnson, Steve Krigbaum for Kelly, Schrier. Via Phone: Benedict, Gregerson, Harris
- Minutes from the June 18 SIEC meeting were approved with no changes.

2. News and Information Roundtable

Schrier is now with the Washington Technology Solutions Agency (WaTech) and will continue as Chair of SIEC. New SIEC logo has been approved.

- SIEC held a moment of silence in memory of U.S. Forest Service firefighters who died fighting the Okanogan Complex fire.
- Chief Batiste thanked SIEC members and their departments for recent support of Washington State Patrol (WSP) following the untimely death of Trooper Detective Brent Hanger. He also noted the absence of SIEC member Chuck Duffy, State Fire Marshal, due to the widespread wildfires. Chief Batiste has authorized seven mobilizations under the State's Fire Mobilization Plan to help support the firefighting.
- Steve stated that WhitCom is setting to dispatch for the Nez Perce tribe.
- Dale Mix (DNR) noted the many difficulties DNR faces is loaning radio frequencies to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC). Presently, no DNR radio sites are threatened.
- Mayor Gregerson briefly discussed the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) conference in Wenatchee in late June. Thirty AWC members attended the presentation about the SIEC and its FirstNet work.

3. OEC Update

Bruce Richter (OEC) reported on a planning meeting that was held on June 17 – 18, 2015 at Camp Murray for the Cascadia Rising exercise, which will occur the first week of June, 2016. Cascadia Rising will include voice operability and potentially a FirstNet component. Richter noted that additional information is forthcoming.

Richter provided an overview of the U.S. Northcom Vital Connections Exercise. Richter discussed the possibility of doing such an exercise in Washington, citing successes in other states such as Oregon. Vital Connections promotes communications interoperability between local, tribal, State, Department of Defense and Federal responders. For additional information on the Vital Connection exercise contact [Mark Jensen](#).

4. Washington OneNet (WON) Status

OneNet Alignment Schrier provided an update on the OneNet office relocation to 1500 Jefferson Street. OneNet is part of the new agency, Washington Technology Solutions (WaTech). Bill is the interim Division Director of the Infrastructure/Operations divisions, which includes roughly 260 personnel. WaTech has successfully merged 550 employees from the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Enterprise Services and Consolidated Technology Services who

provide central information technology services including financial management systems, state data center, data and telephone networks. The State CIO, Michael Cockrill is the Director of WaTech. The statute for the SIEC remains the same.

New Website Schrier announced that OneNet has a new website, OneNet.wa.gov. It is appreciatively improved and it is better for displaying news and video events. SIEC also has a new look as well, which is part of the OneNet website. It has the same look and feel as the new OneNet site.

FirstNet Update Schrier provided an update on FirstNet. In late August, Michael Poth was appointed as the FirstNet CEO; TJ Kennedy is now the President of FirstNet. Michael Poth is former Captain with the Oregon Police Department as well as in Mesa, Arizona. He has also held several private sector positions with the most recent with Hewlett Packer. Also, four Board Members were named which include Kevin McGinnis and Annis Parker and two private sector appointees.

Draft RFP A draft RFP was issued by FirstNet in April 2015 and with over 615 individual operational components, it was a complex draft. In July 2015, the Technical Committee met to review the RFP and submitted their comments for improvements for the FirstNet RFP.

OneNet Introductory Workshops have already been held in Bellingham and Port Angeles, in August 2015 and will continue through September. OneNet will conduct five Coverage Workshops around the state in September. The purpose of these workshops is to solicit coverage data. FirstNet wants to know what parts of the state it should cover and were the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth phases of deployment should be addressed. Schrier noted that it will take five years to buildout FirstNet coverage in the state.

Data Collection Washington OneNet (WON) data collection continues with the survey of responder agencies. WSU, who built and manages the survey, has contacted more than 800 entities which have a public safety mission; 112 agencies with almost 13,000 public safety employees had responded to the survey as of August 10, 2015. The SIEC briefly reviewed the survey results and discussed how to encourage additional agencies to respond. Staff will work associations such as the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and Washington Fire Chiefs will help to obtain more responses.

FirstNet is asking every state to collect specific data and other information which will help design the nationwide public safety wireless broadband data network (NPSBN). Existing and required coverage objectives or maps is one part of that information. The SIEC approved a project to work with public safety answering points (PSAPs) and 911 centers to obtain and plot 911 calls as one measure of where wireless coverage is required. In authorizing this step, SIEC members made a number of comments including “such maps will also justify further investments in networks” and “it makes sense to deploy where incidents occur and networks are heavily used.” SIEC members suggested that not only 911 calls should be mapped, but also computer-aided dispatch (CAD) data which includes crimes, fire incidents, medical calls, and so forth. Members cautioned that the real goal is “100% coverage” and that maps or statistical models are ok but incidents occur everywhere, and the experience and intelligence of responders needs to be applied to coverage. SIEC staff will work with the E-911 Advisory Committee and the Military Department’s 911 Office on this project.

The survey data will be given to FirstNet at the end of September. Between September and November, OneNet will meet with a number of Associations and provide a briefing on the data collected which will include collected data and 911 call data.

Future TimeLine FirstNet will issue the RFP on December 31, 2015 seeking vendors to building their network. FirstNet would like to have another statewide meeting with OneNet in early 2016. RFP responses are due on May 31, 2016. Early 2017, FirstNet will choose the vendor. OneNet will work with stakeholders and FirstNet folding the vendor response into the State Plan. Late November 2017 State Plan will be reviewed and presented to the Governor.

5. Proposal to Change the Mission of the SIEC

Mobile Data The SIEC approved a study of modifying the mission of the SIEC to interoperability of mobile data networks, applications, apps and potentially data sharing. In approving this step, members noted that the SAFECOM Interoperability Continuum already recognizes data interoperability, that potential standardization of some apps used by responders makes sense, and that the use of data and apps will ultimately eclipse the use of traditional voice radio networks as critical to mission of responders. This work is assigned to the Operational Committee chaired by Jim Pryor to further develop. The Operational Committee will report back to the SIEC in October with a goal of presenting potential legislation, a white paper, and/or budget to the SIEC in December.

6. Ongoing Projects

WSP Narrowbanding Project Bob Schwent stated the \$40 million project to update WSP's network to P25 is still on track to finish in mid-2016. Budget availability is rated "yellow" as less than \$70,000 contingency remains. District 4 (Spokane area) is complete and District 7 (Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom) is in progress.

Schwent reported that the Pierce County 700 MHz radio network was used by police and fire responders from many agencies to support the recent U. S. Open Golf Tournament.

Interoperability was virtually flawless at the event. The SIEC directed staff to review after-action reports and prepare a "use case" showing how the interoperability was accomplished, as a model for other such events and also to demonstrate to policy makers that interoperability dollars are being wisely used.

800 MHz Rebanding A briefing paper written by Michael Marusich was discussed. Department of Corrections (DOC) is complete and the Department of Transportation (WSDOT) should be completed by the end of 2015, although reimbursement and financial activities will probably continue through 2016.

SIEC Advisory Workgroup (SAW)

WHEERS Decommissioning WSP maintains the Washington Hospital and EMS Emergency Radio System (WHEERS) on behalf of the state Department of Health (DOH). DOH states it no longer has funding and has asked WSP to decommission the system although it is still used by aeromedical units and hospitals in some regions of the state. Bob Schwent presented a comprehensive report and will work with DOH to either find alternative funding or decommission the system.

State Field Operations Guide (FOG) SAW is working on identifying National Guard resources available to initiate FOG development.

7. Good of the Order

Nothing new to report.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM. Next meeting is October 15, 2015, 1:30 PM at Camp Murray.