



State Interoperability Executive Committee Minutes

April 20, 2017

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Camp Murray

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions

Attendees:

Rob St. John (Chair / OCIO)	Robert “Bob” Schwent – for Batiste (WSP)	John Nisbet (WSDOT)
Marc Lamoreaux (WSP)	Matt Modarelli for Robert Ezelle (MIL)	Chuck Duffy (WASFM/WSP)
Chief Jim Sharp (Fire Chiefs)	Randell Harris (NWTEMC)	Jose Zuniga (WADOC)
Keith Flewelling (WA State APCO-NENA)	Chief Al Compaan (WASPC)	
Anton Damm – for Bob Johnson (DNR)	Charles LeBlanc (WSP/FPB)	Bill Benedict (WASPC)
Honorable Jennifer Gregerson (AWC)		

Staff:

Shelley Westall, Michael Marusich, and Minette Knotts.

Call to Order:

St. John: Provided an overview of proposed agenda for the meeting. February 16, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. A change in meeting location to the 1500 Jefferson St SE building in Olympia, WA was approved for the June SIEC meeting.

2. News and Information Roundtable:

Chuck Duffy announced he is retiring and that Chuck LeBlanc will be taking his place.

Members offered well wishes and expressed their appreciation for Duffy’s years of service, as well as acknowledged his involvement and support in the evolution of the SIEC.

WSP reported continued expansion and service improvements throughout the eastern WA region and continued development of partnerships with regional and local radio systems.

WSDOT reported continued progress in the development and approval of their radio procurement Engineering Study and RFP, which is under review by the AAG. Release of the RFP is tentatively scheduled for the end of May or early June.

WA MIL/EMD reminded attendees of the upcoming WA Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (WECCWG) meeting in Spokane on May 11th. The focus will be on wildland fire response and communications. Response has been good – especially from eastern region agencies.

Flewelling reminded attendees of the upcoming 2017 WA APCO-NENA Public Safety Communications Conference (2017 WA APCO-NENA PSCC) on June 27-30, 2017 at the 3 Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, WA.

Compaan updated attendees on the status of their regional consolidation efforts and recent successes in establishing cooperative governance.

Damm – re[re]presenting DNR, provided an update on frequency licensing in preparation for fire season, as well as recent site development/expansion efforts to improve coverage.

3. 2017 SIEC Reset:

SIEC vacancies remain to be filled for WSAC and WSEMA. SIEC members and Westall had several recommended candidates. Those making recommendations will submit names to Westall for follow-up.

St. John asked if members felt the SIEC was proceeding in a direction that best serves member entity needs and asked for any recommended goals or objectives that will better define the SIEC's path forward.

4. SIEC Legislative Updates:

Westall The Governor signed SB5573 authorizing the expansion of the SIEC membership to include representatives from DOC, WDFW, Tribal Nations, and DOH.

5. Fusion Center Presentation:

A presentation identifying and informing attendees of the efforts and accomplishments of the Fusion Center was made by Captain Edward Swainson. The presentation identified the collaborative and cooperative efforts made by and between the fusion center and public safety agencies and entities from across Washington and the federal government.

6. SIEC Advisory Workgroup (SAW) Update:

McDowell presented a PowerPoint presentation related to the WSDOT IT Communications & Wireless frequency request. WSDOT is requesting a motion to license 39 interoperability repeaters as recommended by the Region 43 (WA) 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee (RPC). The motion was unanimously approved by SIEC members. WSDOT identified the statewide deployment of 7TAC71 in most locations, and supplementing either 7TAc72 or 7TAC75 as required to mitigate frequency conflicts within specific regions.

7. Washington OneNet (WON) Status:

Westall: Update on FirstNet contract award in which Lynn Quick from AT&T – FirstNet's RFP awardee, gave an update and introduction, as well as answered questions regarding the proposed network coverage.

AT&T made a presentation of their recently awarded partnership with FirstNet and their proposed Nationwide Broadband Public Safety Network (NPSBN) solution and advised attendees of their intention to work directly with the WA OneNet program office and stakeholders to identify the needs of WA's first responders.

8. Good of the Order:

Rob St. John congratulated Chuck Duffy on his retirement and thanked him for all his work on the SIEC. No new matters were presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.