



**OHIO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**December 3, 2015**  
**Ohio Emergency Operations Center**

The sixty seventh regular meeting of the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee and the **Fifteenth Meeting after Executive Order 2012-07K** was signed was called to order by co-chairs, Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety Joe Montgomery and Preble County Sheriff Mike Simpson, at 1002 hours on December 3, 2015.

Assistant Director Montgomery introduced the new Administrator of the Ohio SIEC, the new Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), the Ohio Single Point of Contact (SPOC), and the new MARCS Program Director, Mr. Rick Schmahl. Director Schmahl then introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

Rick Schmahl, SIEC Administrator, then commenced the meeting. Self-introductions were made around the room. A sign-in sheet was circulated and all attendees were asked to sign the attendance sheet. A total of sixty (60) attendees signed in to the meeting. The previous minutes and the agenda for today's meeting were distributed to all attendees. Rick Schmahl announced the SIEC will begin to use the SIEC website for all handouts and additional information.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been recently circulated by e-mail and were distributed today. Rick Schmahl asked the attendees to review the minutes. **Motion by George Balasko, and seconded by Mike Koontz to approve as distributed.** The minutes were approved by voice vote.

**Executive Order 2012-7K**

Director Schmahl asked for everyone to review the list of appointees to the Ohio SIEC. Several openings were discussed and some of the attendees volunteered to help contact the agencies involved and get a new appointee. Any updates should be directed to Director Schmahl.

**Ohio Statewide Interoperability Plan SCIP**

Discussion by many on the SCIP. SCIP version 3.1 was presented at the last SIEC meeting and will be posted on the SIEC website. **Motion by Scott Skeldon, and seconded by George Balasko to approve SCIP version 3.1.** The motion was approved by voice vote. Will also need to complete the SCIP Snapshot for DHS/OEC and submit it to Jim Jarvis.

**Regional Interoperability Committee Updates:**

Regional reports were given by each District. Discussion was concerning activities in the respective districts and any upcoming meetings.

Region #1 – WD Miller gave report. Next meeting TBD.

Region #2 – Report from Paul Stefanko in Lake County. Everything is up and running and Lake County is completed on MARCS in Schools (MIS). Paul volunteered to share a video they have made to cover the MIS issues. George Balasko gave report. Meeting yesterday to discuss upcoming RNC. Brad Handke reported on the Interoperability for Cleveland/Parma being accomplished by ISSI. ISSI procedure from Harris.

Region #3 – Captain Greg Stephens sent his report. Next meeting TBD. Spoke about major project going on in Montgomery County.

Region #4 – Director Weirick gave short report. New in the position, she is trying to get her arms wrapped around issues in Region #4. Next meeting TBD. Discussion on the old HS4 radios from Tom Swisher. Once the old MARCS 3.5 is shut off, it will be up to the counties to decide what to do with their radios.

Region #5 – Sharon McMurray reported on Region 5 activities. Mike Szabo from Summit County announced they just purchased a 10 site 25 channel simulcast to be installed in 2016. Next meeting TBD.

Region #6 – Paul Kindell gave a detailed report on Region 6 and also SOSINK. This region has created a working group, Disaster Net 2.0. This group is discussing interoperability across the region and across different disciplines including the healthcare agencies. Update on the migration of the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Next meeting is set for January 15, 2016.

Region #7 – No report.

Region #8 – Rob Harrington from Jefferson County gave report. Reported on moving a tower site from New Alexandria in Jefferson County to Scio in Harrison County. Jefferson County system up and running and transitioning users. In the process of restructuring the regional group. Next meeting date tentatively set for late January.

Comments from Assistant Director Montgomery thanking Rebecca Vanest and other MARCS staff on filling in during the interim between July 31<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Grants Update:**

Ohio EMA Sima Merrick gave report. Nothing exciting going on as it is the time between grant periods. Review Committee was discussed.

#### **Fire Marshal Flowers Grant Program**

Scott Skeldon reported the Ohio Fire Marshal Grant has closed. Applications are being reviewed with no projected date for the awards.

James Jarvis reported upcoming AFG grant period also.

#### **Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF)**

Local Government Innovation Funds, (LGIF) was discussed. This program is continuing into State Fiscal Year 16 and 17. This loan is interest free for a 10 year period.

## **SOP Development:**

Bob Bill has set a meeting of the SOP development committee for December 9, 2015 at 10 AM at the MARCS Office, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus.

Update on the 700 MHz plan was submitted. One of the issues with the 700 MHz plan is how the State of Ohio is going to use the reserve channels. Discussion was also on a nationwide use of frequencies for deployable assets like the MARCS Tower on Wheels. There is also ongoing discussion on what the air to ground frequencies will be.

Matt Franke thanked Bob and Paul Mayer for their continued efforts on behalf of the Ohio APCO Chapter and the Region 33 Planning Committee. Matt also discussed the need to coordinate SOP's covering both the RPC 33 and the SIEC.

## **SIEC Website**

Rebecca Vanest reported on the website and recent updates. Rebecca encouraged everyone to get any updates or new information to her for inclusion on the website.

## **COM-L, COM-T, RADO**

Dick Miller reported on the need for a meeting of the COM-L subcommittee. Date of the upcoming meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the MARCS Office at 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio. A phone bridge will be available. Next SIEC meeting will have a complete list of recognized COM-L's, COM-T's and if any new RADO's are recognized.

## **MARCS Update**

The next MARCS Steering Committee will be tentatively during the second week of January 2016. As soon as the date is confirmed, an email will go out to the SIEC email list and also will be posted on the SIEC website.

## **MARCS In Schools, (MIS)**

Rebecca Vanest. The program continues to progress well. A list of the schools by county is available from Ms. Vanest. Rebecca reported that 1900 radios have been ordered and over 1600 are installed.

## **Rebanding Update**

Bob Bill began the discussion by asking if anyone was having any interference issues since rebanding. Mike Koontz reported ongoing issues in the Lucas County area and there was discussion on the need for communicating with Bob Bill on these issues.

Discussion on where others were in the process.

## **Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)**

Kelly Castle, Project Manager of the OhioFirst.Net, reported on a number of issues concerning FirstNet. FirstNet is attempting to get the RFP out by the end of the year. May come out in pieces and parts. Kelly, Rebecca, and Rick have met with FirstNet in

Michigan and Colorado. SLIGP grant is happy to report that Ohio has met it's in-kind match.

Data collections are ongoing by the OhioFirst.Net folks and also by Greg Berquist. Attempts are to drill down on each county as we move forward to have the most current information available. The next NPSBN sub-committee meeting will be scheduled for some time in January of 2016. Please check the website for updates.

### **APCO Report**

Matt Franke gave the APCO report. Happy to report that as of this morning, Holly Wayt from Westerville has met the requirements and filed her intent to run for the National APCO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Congratulations to Holly and we all wish her the best of luck.

Several updates are available on APCO website. New website is on line and operational.

### **Technical Assistance Update**

Jim Jarvis gave an update on 2015 TA requests. Upcoming Incident Dispatcher Training is set for April 18 thru April 21, 2016. Mobile Command Support scoping call is set for next Tuesday. Will be having one north and one south to cut down on drive time. The new TA Catalog is available at the Public Safety Tools website. Should try to match the requested TAs to the Ohio SCIP and how it would help achieve the goals in the SCIP.

### **Good of the Order**

The co-chairmen and the administrator solicited the SIEC for any issues for the good of the order.

Everyone was reminded to submit any discussion topics for upcoming SIEC meetings so they may be included on the agenda. Also if anyone has any new or emerging technology demos, please contact either of the co-chairs or any of the SIEC staff.

There being no further business, the next meeting was set for Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Motion by Scott Skeldon, seconded by Paul Mayer to adjourn. Motion carried.**

A presentation was made by Unication on new paging technology. Handouts were given to the attendees and the PowerPoint will be posted on the SIEC website. Discussion by many with questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Miller, Secretary  
Ohio Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee

**SOP Development Committee 12-09-15  
COM-L Committee 01-07-2016  
SIEC Meeting 03-09-2016**

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