



OHIO STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 26, 2017

Ohio Emergency Operations Center

The seventy second regular meeting of the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, and the **Twentieth Meeting after Executive Order 2012-07K** was signed, and called to order by Co Chairs, Preble County Sheriff Simpson, and Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety Joe Montgomery at 1000 hours on April 26, 2017. The co-chairs then turned the meeting over to SIEC Administrator Rick Schmahl who then administered the meeting.

A new room set up was unveiled. The SIEC members will be seated in an area allowing for everyone to see who is speaking, who is voting, etc. 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-one (61) attendees signed the attendance sheet. The previous minutes, and the agenda for today's meeting was distributed to all attendees. Administrator Schmahl announced the SIEC will continue to use the SIEC website for all handouts and additional information to be distributed.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been recently circulated by e-mail, and were distributed today. **Motion by Scott Skeldon, and seconded by George Balasko to approve as amended and distributed.** The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Executive Order 2012-7K

Program 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 to get a new appointee. Any updates should be directed to Director Schmahl. A new list of appointees will be included with these minutes.

Welcomed new or recurring members for the following positions. Jeff Hussey will be replacing Larry Flowers representing the Ohio Fire Marshal Office. Scott Skeldon has been reappointed to represent the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association. Randy Booth is the new appointee for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Janille Stearmer will now be the representative for the Ohio Homeland Security. Rick is attempting to fill all the positions, before the next meeting in July.

Discussion on UASI areas and their representatives. EMA Director Merrick will work with Rick on getting the necessary language and update the list if necessary.

MARCS Update

Administrator Schmahl gave an update on MARCS.

Continue to develop partnerships across Ohio. Some new towers added, and still room for improvements. Several counties are looking at migrating to MARCS.

Service Now – New ticketing system implemented to improve response, and cut down on time needed both on MARCS and the users side. When completed the user will be able to add radios, change service, and ask invoicing questions.

No current MARCS Steering Committee set. Will be setting up one very soon, also will use our current email list to advise of the proposed date.

7.17 Update – MARCS was the first Motorola system in the World to update to the 7.17 platform. Now that we have taken our turn, we will leave this honor to another system in the future. Discussion on the need for better communication with all the partners statewide. Comments from Paul Kindell, Matt Franke, and others. This will continue to be a work in progress as MARCS continues to grow and add new partners statewide.

Upgrade flash to site routers – MARCS and Agile Communications identified a critical issue in the site routers which required immediate action. MARCS, and Agile met numerous times in planning for the necessary repair. Kyle Quillen gave an overview of what the issue was and how it was remedied. Meetings and plans were held to minimize impact on the end users. Since this has been completed, we should see even better connectivity and reliability. MARCS In Schools, final number of 903,618 students are covered. Recent incident in Warren County demonstrated the value of the radios. Paul Kindell gave some remarks on the incident.

Local Government Sub-Committee. Sheriff Simpson reported on the recent meeting. Great turnout at the meetings. Most of the focus is directed at the State Budget process. Once the State Budget is finalized, the Committee will be addressing a wide variety of issues.

Regional Interoperability Committee Updates:

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

Region #1 – Brad Brubaker. Held a meeting in February at the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. Attendees expressed a lot of interest in user fees. They thanked the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office for funding the local fire department user fees. Also, the next meeting is TBD.

Region #2 – Report from George Balasko. Mr. Balasko thanked Rick and Dick for meeting with the Cuyahoga County Communication Committee. Since that meeting, progress has been made on interoperability between the Greater Cleveland Radio Communication Network, (GRCRN), the Parma System, and MARCS. There is still work to be completed, but has made progress. The next meeting is TBD.

Region #3 – Captain Greg Stephens gave his report, and his next meeting is planned for May 24th at the Darke County EMA Office at 10 AM. Miami, and Darke County is making the transition to MARCS soon. Reported the entire Region 3 area is interested in moving across border interoperability with Indiana. Indiana has just completed their upgrade to a 7.17 platform. Captain Stephens also thanked the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office for their recent grant awards in Preble and Darke County.

Region #4 – Cecilia Weirick gave her report. Their next meeting will be held in June of 2017.

Region #5 – Sharon McMurray reported on Region 5 activities. First asked for some interaction with ODNR on the upcoming East Reservoir Dam Project. Dean Bolton was in the room and can meet after the SIEC Meeting. Sharon then had Mike Szabo give an update on the Summit County project. Mike gave an update on the Summit County Akron 800 MHz Regional Radio System, (SCA8RRS). His report stated great improvement in coverage. Estimating the Summit County Project may be ready for switch by the November 2017 timeframe. Sharon then asked Darryl Anderson to give an update on the Stark County upgrade. Mr. Anderson talked about the upcoming extension of the County Sales Tax on May 2. Their proposed solution is an 11 site, 15 channel simulcast, with one additional ASR site in the Minerva area. Mr. Anderson indicated they are hoping for a 2018 turn up. Region 5's next meeting is TBD.

Rick Schmahl added there has been discussions with the Warren/Trumbull County area also in Region #5.

Region #6 – Paul Kindell gave his report. Region 6 has come up with a pursuit policy to cover Region 6. They are planning tabletop exercises to test and fine tune the pursuit policy. Their next meeting is TBD.

Region #7 – No report.

Region #8 – No report.

Grants Update:

Ohio EMA Director Sima Merrick has nothing new to report on grants. Regional groups are using their regional awards. Everyone is watching the new Administration for signs on what will be forthcoming in the grants area.

2017 expected to be about the same.

AFG Grants. There is nothing new to report.

Ohio Fire Marshal Grant. Assistant Chief Jeff Hussey gave report. The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office is committed to keeping the \$3 million in grants. This has been included in the Executive Budget for FY18 and FY19. There is more to come when the Budget is finalized. The Marshal's Office continues to encourage countywide applications where applicable.

Co-Chair Sheriff Simpson reported the Ohio House has inserted a \$1 million dollar amendment to assist with the local user fees for MARCS, still working on the Senate side. Sheriff Simpson asked everyone to contact their local senators.

SOP Development:

Bob Bill reported on recent meetings. The SOP Committee has met three times and has finalized 5 Statewide SOPs for adoption by the SIEC. These meetings were well attended by a wide variety of representatives. Bob and Dave Ruton of Licking County presented the five SOPs. Questions and discussions were allowed from the SIEC members.

Motion by Scott Skeldon, and seconded by Paul Kendall to adopt the five SOPs as written. Motion passed by a voice vote.

As soon as possible, these five SOPs will be posted to the SIEC website for review and use. Matt Franke pointed out these should be used in all TIC-P updates.

SIEC Website

The website for SIEC continues to be a work in progress.

COM-L, COM-T, RADO

Dick Miller reported a COM-L meeting has been set for May 9th, 2017 at 10 AM in the MARCS Office. This meeting will review any task books submitted and will be reviewing the statewide list of recognized COMs.

RF Update

Matt Franke gave an update. Stressed the importance of common naming as required in NIFOG, and others.

Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)

SIEC members discussed activity in this area. Rick reported the resignation of the Ohio FirstNet Director Kelly Castle. Kelly has accepted a position with the City of Columbus. Posting for the replacement has been issued. Rick is awaiting the applications.

FirstNet awarded the contract to AT&T on March 30th, 2017. This begins the time frames for certain items to happen. Ohio is expecting the plan from AT&T within the first 90 days. Once received, Ohio will have 90 days to respond to the draft with possible modifications. FirstNet will review and the state must decide to opt-in or opt-out. An RFI will be released shortly to help gather information for Ohio's decision making process. Mr. Matt Dagostino from AT&T and Mr. John Hunt from FirstNet made some brief comments. Rick reminded everyone that he would be re-engaging the NPSBN Working Group of the SIEC. This committee is open for anyone to attend. The activity of this committee will increase significantly leading up to Ohio's decision.

APCO Report

Matt Franke gave the APCO report. Please utilize the APCO International website.

May 10th, 2017 is the next Ohio APCO meeting at the Franklin County EMA.

The National APCO Conference is August 13 thru 16, 2017 in Colorado.

Matt reported on an upcoming Broadband Seminar in Washington, DC on May 16 and 17.

Several updates available on APCO website.

Technical Assistance Update

Jim Jarvis gave an update from DHS/OEC. Mr. Jarvis reported on the efforts made by SAFECOM to update the baseline of interoperability in the U.S. The questions will be in areas not previously addressed such as NG911 and Cyber Security. More involvement is needed on the process of showing where we are, where we need to go, how to fund it,

and how to get there. Surveys should be available to local entities in the September 2017 timeframe.

Ohio still can apply for Technical Assistance opportunities.

Ohio Homeland Security

Janille Stearmer gave an update on the activities of the OHS group.

NG 911

Director Rob Jackson gave a report.

RFP is due today (04/26/2017).

May 25th is the next NG 911 teleconference.

Surveys are out to the local 911 centers.

A position for the NG911 Office will be posted around the July timeframe.

Good of the Order

Until more time is necessary, the FirstNet update will be part of the SIEC meeting. If needed, we will carve out more time or schedule an additional meeting.

Everyone was reminded to submit any discussion topics for upcoming SIEC meetings to 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.

With being no further business, the next meeting is set for Wednesday July 26th, 2017.

Presentation by Motorola on Body Cameras.

Motion by Matt Franke, seconded by Greg Stephens to adjourn. Motion carried.

Attached to these minutes are the following:

**Updated SIEC membership list.
NPSBN Sub-Committee list.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Miller, Secretary
Ohio Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee

**SOP Development Committee TBD
COM-L Committee May 9, 2017 10AM
SIEC Meeting 07-26-2017 10AM**

Reminder, future meetings will be July 26th, 2017 and October 25th, 2017.

The Mission of the Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee is to provide guidance and strategic direction for Public Safety first responders in their communications initiatives, for the purpose of continuous improvement in reliable, mission critical communications interoperability

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Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
Appointments

4/26/2017

Ohio Department of Public Safety	Assistant Director Joe Montgomery
Buckeye State Sheriff's Association	Sheriff Mike Simpson
Ohio Office of Information Technology	Richard Schmahl
Ohio Emergency Management Agency	Sima Merrick
Ohio Emergency Medical Services Board	Mel House
Ohio Office of Homeland Security	Janille Stearmer
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Major Davis
Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police	Chief Rick Skilliter, Bluffton PD
Ohio State Fire Marshal	Jeff Hussey
Ohio Fire Chiefs Association	Scott Skeldon
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Dean Bolton
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	Randy Booth
Ohio Department of Health	Ryan Morrison
Ohio County Commissioners' Association	Bob Glaser
Ohio Township Trustees' Association	Lynda Bowers
Emergency Management Association of Ohio	Rita Spicer
Ohio National Guard	Vacant
Ohio APCO	Matt Franke
Ohio BCI&I	Vacant
FCC Region 33 Planning Committee	Bob Bill
Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services	Jim Luebbers
Ohio Department of Youth Services	David Haynes
Ohio Board of Regents	Vacant
Ohio Hospitals Association	Doug Magilvy
Mid-size city radio system	Chief Tom Lonyo, Findlay
Mid- Size county-wide radio system	Rob Harrington, Jefferson County
Ohio's Electrical Service Providers	Bruce Stydnicki
The Ohio Municipal League	Vacant
UASI areas:	-----
Cuyahoga County	George Balasko, Parma PD
Franklin County	Ramona Patts
Lucas County	Vacant
Hamilton County	Rob Wilson
Homeland Security Regions	-----
1. – NW Ohio	Deputy Sheriff Brad Brubaker
2. – NE Ohio lakeshore	Paul Stefanko
3. – West Central Ohio	Greg Stephens
4. – Central Ohio	Cecilia Weirick
5. – NE Ohio	Sharon McMurray
6. – SW Ohio	Paul Kindell
7. – South Central Ohio	Chief Andrew Powers
8. – Eastern Ohio	Sheriff R.J. Myers

Ohio Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
National Public Safety Broadband Network Sub-Committee
Appointees

Ohio Department of Public Safety (2)	OSHP; Major S. P. Davis Ohio EMA; Sima Merick
Law Enforcement	BSSA; Sheriff Mike Simpson, Preble County OACP; Chief Rick Skilliter, Bluffton P.D.
Fire/EMS	Chief Scott Skeldon
Department of Health	Ryan Morrison
Ohio Hospital Association	Doug McGilvy
Government Associations	Bob Glaser, CCAO Lynda Bowers, Trustee, Lafayette Township, Medina County
Higher Education	Satoru Persons, Director, Dept. of Public Safety, OSU
UASI/Major Cities	Ramona Patts, City of Columbus
DAS/OIT/MARCS	Rick Schmahl
Homeland Security Regions	Rural; Chief Nathan Hiester, Beaver Creek Urban; Sharon McMurray; Director of Communications, Summit County SO
Other State Agencies	Kenny Brooks; ODOT Dean Bolton; ODNR
APCO-RPC	Matt Franke; Butler County
RPC33	Bob Bill; MARCS
Utilities	Herb Caldwell; OREC
NG911	Jay Sommerville, Dublin
Ohio Attorney General/BCI&I	Joe Deitz
Ohio Department of Homeland Security	Janille Stearmer
OEC Regional Representative (non-voting)	Jim Jarvis
Commercial Vendors (non-voting)	None – all invited