

LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) SUBCOMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024
1:30 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convenes at 13:30.
2. Determination of Quorum: 10 of 15 present.
 - Present via teleconference: Russ Schreiner, Carl Guse, Chief Boulanger, Joseph Massie, Michael Evon, Paul Brooten, Todd Lindert, Larry Dudzinski, Grant Voermans, James Westover.
 - Members absent: Glen Hageman, Shena Kohler, Alex Dravis, Andrew Hyer, Don Kimlicka (previously excused)
3. Review and Approval of November 29th meeting
 - Motion to approve as written by Westover; 2nd by Dudzinski. Unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment
 - No public comment.
5. Elections
 - Nominations for Chair:
 - Todd Lindert (Jefferson County Sheriff) (incumbent). Nominated by Massie, 2nd by Evon. No other nominations. Lindert is the winner by acclamation.
 - Nominations for Vice-Chair:
 - Joe Massie (Brown County Communications) (incumbent). Nominated by Lindert, 2nd by Westover. No other nominations. Massie is the winner by acclamation.
6. Old and/or reoccurring agenda items
 - A. OEC web site update
 - No update since previous meeting. OEC is still working with PAO.
 - B. Review & Approval of LMR Encryption Plan (Lindert/Westover/Guse)
 - Changes include:

- Deconfliction with the Federal slots.
 - One slot per county is not possible. 10 slots were allocated per county.
- Implementation will be slow as agencies reprogram radios.
 - Motion to forward to IC for approval by Massie; 2nd by Dudzinski. Approved.

C. Review State EMS Communications Plan (Westover)

- Changes:
 - Highlight of section 2.4 (Landing zones [LZ]). MARC will remain as a legacy. EMS C is a tertiary option.
 - References to old Annex K is replaced with WI-FOG.
- DHS has a copy for review.
- Larger discussion regarding reviewed items (MARC PL tones possibly removing & Hospital PL tones), but no action.
- Draft language to extend the LZ transition date to a later date. Agenda item for March meeting (review and possible action item)

D. Update on using WebEOC Platform for InterOp Channel/Repeater Notifications (Westover)

- Westover has not heard back from WEM on this item. The possibility exists that Wisconsin could continue to utilize the MN status board or in WebEOC. Hope for more info at the next meeting.

E. LMR Subcommittee Vacancies

- Representative from a Local Fire Service (volunteer or full-time)
 - John McManus, Deputy Fire Chief, Janesville Fire Department
 - Will be forwarded to IC.

7. New agenda items for possible action

A. Discussion to allow Fire Ground channels in dispatch. (Westover)

- Erik Nielson (Outagamie Dispatch) is looking to establish a link from a base station to a fire ground. In Outagamie's situation, they are an 800MHz county. They currently utilize MARC which is on a centrally located tower and have a permanent dispatch patch on their radio system for responders from MARC to talk group on their trunked system. With the change to FG (or 8TAC) Gray and Blak for the LZ, they would be unable to utilize this patch.
 - (Westover) We typically have not allowed base stations on FGs to prevent abuse. Approving this could cause interference issues between counties. If we would approve this in the future, all fixed base station needs to be licensed.

- (Massie) Brown County is interested in this from a different perspective. When the Brown 700 system was built 12 years ago, it was thought dispatch could utilize the FGs (for VHF agencies called upon to assist in Brown and patch into the 700 system. That was disapproved by the State Frequency Coordinator. The system buildout was already approved by then and the FG radio units have sat, powered off, for 10+ years.
- The determination of Westover (being the State Frequency Coordinator) is not no, but may warrant further discussion in the future.

B. On-scene COMU channel (repeated or direct) (Lindert/Guse)

- There was a discussion regarding finding a channel outside of WISCOM because of the lack of coverage in some areas or lack of building penetration. A consensus could not be found as some channels may not be available in some areas of coverage issues could exist in some areas. It seemed best to leave a COMU channel fluid for an incident and once a channel is established for an incident to advise incoming COMU personnel.

8. Any other business as necessary to the LMR subcommittee

- Allison will follow up with Shenna Kohler as she is no longer in EM but still with Rock County.

9. Upcoming Conferences and Events

- COML Class in Milwaukee, January 29-February 1, 2024 at MKE CO Training Facility
- WI EMS conference in Green Bay - Jan 31-Feb 2
- Governor's Conference on Homeland Security and Emergency Management - March 13th & 14th.
 - One topic is Handling fiber cuts
- SIMCOM 2024 – June 4th & 5th in SE region.
 - No remote pod. Going back to the basics and prep for the RNC.
- WI / MN cross border exercise 10/4 in Superior. This will be a PTB event.

10. Next Meeting Date: March 27th, 2024

A. 2024 LMR Meeting Date reminder:

- March 27th, May 22nd, July 24th, September 25th, and November 20th.

11. Meeting Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn by Westover; 2nd by Dudzinski. Approved at 14:58.

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