

**LMR & WISCOM SUBCOMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING**

MAY 29, 2019
1:00 PM

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
2400 WRIGHT STREET – ROOM 230
MADISON, WI 53704

MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting convened at 1:07 PM

2) Determination of Quorum for Each Subcommittee

LMR Subcommittee Quorum was established with 7/13 members attending. Present in person: Carl Guse, Jim Jarvis, Todd Lindert, and Jim Westover. Present via Teleconference: LT Frank Hanousek, Ken Korten Hof, and Russell Schreiner.

WISCOM Subcommittee Quorum was not established with only 5/15 members attending. Present in person: David Gribble, Keith Kesler, Jennifer Lord, Gary McClelland, and Jan Victorson.

3) Review and approval of the April 27, 2019 Joint Meeting Minutes.

- Tabled for next meeting due to lack of quorum.

4) Public Comment - There was no public comment.

5) Old Business

- Federal LE and IR Interoperable Channel Usage MOU
 - The MOU has been signed and executed. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) sent the VHF license back for revisions which Westover completed and resubmitted the application to the FCC. The UHF License application will be submitted in summer 2019.
 - The Part 22 licensing was due to the FCC by May 13, 2019. There was a request from the FCC for letters of concurrence from co-channel licensees, which have been obtained. Westover will obtain a status update from the FCC and will report at the next meeting.
- WISCOM Program Update
 - Josh Ripp and Westover will be assisting Juneau County with implementation on radio programming and communications planning. The next project meeting is scheduled for June 2019 and drive testing scheduled for July 2019. If drive testing goes well it is anticipated the implementation will take place in August or September 2019.
 - There was discussion about a second microwave redundancy backup path for Juneau County, and although it was agreed that it is needed, there was no funding allocated. Josh Ripp and Chair Westover will schedule a meeting with DOT, DNR and Juneau County and will report any information they receive back to the Subcommittees.
 - ISSI connection with southern part of Dane County into Madison will be completed soon. Notices were sent out to stakeholders to inform them of and anticipated interruption during the Dane County and WISCOM upgrades on May 30, 2019. The work on the ISSI connections in Douglas and St. Louis counties is still in progress, although there were

decisions that needed to be made by ARMER and Motorola which was placing the progress on a temporary hold.

- There were just under thirty nine thousand IDs registered on the WISCOM system.
- Affected users in the north and east parts of the state will continue to run older site software. EFJ is currently working to fix the issues with the 19.1 software upgrade due out later this summer.
- Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Update
 - The Interoperability Council (IC) approved the new plan and changed the name from Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) to the Wisconsin Emergency Communication Strategy (WECS). The Subcommittees may want to review the WECS when determining future agenda items, tasks and goals.
- Joint Subcommittee Goals Setting
 - Single Statewide Communications Plan for all disciplines
 - Gene Oldenburg stated at a previous meeting there had been a decision to develop a communications plan that would incorporate all of the other communications plans in the state. Members discussed how to create that document, who would maintain the document, and what plans should be included (WIFOG, ICS 205s, EMS Communication Plan and the DNR forest fire communications plans). It was decided that an action item for motion and vote will be placed on the next LMR/WISCOM Joint Meeting agenda to develop a shorter single statewide communications plan for all user disciplines.
 - Develop talking points to encourage proper funding for WISCOM
 - To be placed on future agenda for further discussion.
- Air Ground Medical LZ Coordination
 - The Wisconsin Air National Guard will list their channel names as shown in the WIFOG and Annex K.
 - The Air Medical Council is interested in discussing a common zone for consistency for that area or their operation.
 - MN/Iowa use their statewide STAC/RTAC channels for LZ coordination.
 - It was decided to schedule either a special meeting or a priority agenda item to address this issue. Ripp will invite Jeff Grimm to that meeting.

6) New Business

- Update on the RFP for a Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Communications System
 - The Wisconsin Legislative Joint Finance Committee (JFC) proposed that the WISCOM RFP be moved over to DOT and to collaborate with DMA, although there was not clear verbiage on what collaborate would mean.
- LMR Subcommittee Meeting Update - No report due to lack of time.

7) Next meeting on July 24, 2019 at Department of Military Affairs.

8) Meeting ended at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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