

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
1:30 P.M.

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened at 1:32 p.m.
2. Quorum was established with 7/13 members present. Present in Person: David Gribble, Keith Kesler, Carl Guse (on behalf of Jennifer Lord), Gary McClelland, Jan Victorson and Margaret Zieke. Present via teleconference: Keith Hurlburt.

Members absent: Joseph Baasch, Eric Boulanger, Darren Chappuies, Joseph Kaleta, Gervase Thompson, and Chris VanErem.

3. Meeting Minutes
 - A. Review and Approval of the September 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Victorson. Seconded by McClelland. Unanimous approval.

- B. Review and Approval of the November 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Victorson. Seconded by McClelland. Unanimous approval.

4. There was no public comment.
5. Old Business
 - A. WISCOM System Update – *Josh Ripp*
 - 1) Ripp shared some WISCOM statistical data from January 2019 - January 2020.
 - 2) DOT has installed new system software at the Rubicon tower to start testing. The Van Hise tower and the Delafield tower will also get the new software updates to provide more opportunities for testing. When testing has been completed, updates will be rolled out statewide starting in the NW, then to the NE, and finishing with the SW and SE. The technicians will communicate with the local dispatch centers about the updates.
 - 3) Update on the Juneau County System; some frequency changes need to take place before the north tower at Necedah will be back to simulcast broadcasting.
 - Ripp met with the Juneau County Fire Association with EMS to discuss making changes to protocols. They'll be moved off of the paging channel (which is what they're presently using), adding an EMS talk group, and adding a tactical talk group.
 - 4) Iowa County is in the process of adding encryption to their secondary law channel, and they're working on a communication plan to push that out.

B. Update on Air Ground Medical LZ Coordination

1) Discussion and Possible Approval of a Recommendation for Air Ground Medical LZ Coordination on WISCOM

- The recommendation is for HSEMS channels 1, 2, and 3 to be reserved for air medical purposes and HSEMS channels 5 and 4 to be used by ground units.

Motion to approve the recommended channels by Victorson. Seconded by Hurlburt. Unanimous approval.

C. WISCOM Agreement Work Group Update – *Heather Harris Fatty*

1) The work group is still being formed. Potential dates for the first meeting will be sent out shortly.

D. WISCOM Subcommittee Membership

1) Review of WISCOM Subcommittee Nominees

- The Subcommittee reviewed the nominees for the following seats:

(a) West Central Region Representative

(i) There were two candidates to apply for this seat:

- a. Paul Eaton
- b. Kirk Gunderson

(ii) The subcommittee had no objection to these nominees being recommended for confirmation by the Interoperability Council.

(b) WI Dept of Justice Representative

(i) Marshall Ogren was the only candidate to apply. The subcommittee had no objection to the nominee being recommended for confirmation by the Interoperability Council.

(c) Southeast Region Representative

(i) There were three candidates to apply for this seat:

- a. Tony Lash
- b. Dan Weber
- c. Derrick Hurley

(ii) After discussion, and a vote, the subcommittee recommended Derrick Hurley for confirmation by the Interoperability Council.

2) Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Gribble nominated Keith Kesler for Chair of the WISCOM Subcommittee.

Unanimous approval to confirm Keith Kesler as Chair of the WISCOM Subcommittee.

- Zieke nominated Jan Victorson for Vice Chair of the WISCOM Subcommittee.

(a) Victorson declined the nomination.

- Victorson nominated David Gribble for Vice Chair of the WISCOM Subcommittee.

Unanimous approval to confirm David Gribble as Vice Chair of the WISCOM Subcommittee.

6. New Business

A. WECS Review

- 1) Molly Boss shared that the WISCOM Subcommittee has 2020 goals and tactics as part of the 2019 Wisconsin Emergency Communications Strategy. The tactics will be added as a standing agenda item for future meetings.
 - B. DHS Hospital Coordination Update
 - 1) Ripp discussed the current radio communications infrastructure within hospitals, as well as a proposed future state communications plan.
 - C. DARES Exercise – Use of WISCOM
 - 1) Ripp shared that the DARES Exercise will be using WISCOM, including hospital/air coordination, etc.; however, the Site on Wheels trailer (SOW) will not be available for the exercise as it will be in use at the Ryder Cup during that time.
 - D. Other New Business
 - 1) Jim Westover shared that the National Weather Service continues to use WISCOM. The pilot at the Milwaukee/Sullivan office has gone very well. They are seeking funding through their regional offices for Stargate consoles for the three National Weather Service offices throughout the state.
7. Next Meeting will be March 25, 2020.
8. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gribble. Seconded by McClelland. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Hauge
DMA/OEC