



Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subcommittee

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

1:30 PM

WEB/TELECONFERENCE ONLY

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting convened at 1:37 PM.
2. Quorum was established with 10/16 members present. Present via teleconference: Eric Boulanger, Christine Churchill, Carl Guse, Frank Hanousek, Taylor Holum, Ken Kortenhof, Joseph Massie, Russell Schreiner, Paul Susienka, and James Westover.

Members absent: Robert Hartson, Todd Lindert, Tim Lizotte, Doug Lofreddo, Tucker McCumber, and Jon Yaskal.

3. Meeting Minutes
 - A. Review and approval of the July 22, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Holum. Seconded by Churchill. Unanimous approval.

4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
5. Old Business
 - A. LMR Subcommittee Membership
 - 1) Westover welcomed new Subcommittee Member Eric Boulanger and asked him to share his background.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Recommendation for Air Ground Medical LZ Coordination Channel Assignments
 - 1) Westover reminded the group that MABAS requested support from another statewide organization. Westover asked Susienka for the feedback from BSSA regarding the proposed channel assignments. Susienka shared that BSSA had no concerns.

Motion to designate Fireground GRAY/8TACGRAY as the primary channel and Fireground BLACK/8TACBLACK as the secondary channel for LZ coordination, with adoption to occur no sooner than September 23, 2023, and no later than September 23, 2025 by Massie. Seconded by Holum.

After discussion, an amended motion was made:

Motion to designate Fireground GRAY/8TACGRAY as the primary channel and Fireground BLACK/8TACBLACK as the secondary channel for LZ coordination, with adoption to occur no sooner than September 23, 2021, and no later than September 23, 2025 by Massie. Seconded by Schreiner. Unanimous approval.

- 2) Westover will work on an outreach plan to be distributed and will notify the Wisconsin Air Medical Council.
- C. Usage of VLAW31 in Dane County
 - 1) No new updates on this topic.

- D. Statewide Encryption Plan
 - 1) Westover provided history on the background need for this. He is working on a draft plan and will present it to the group once it is ready.
 - E. Emission Types on State Interop Channels
 - 1) Westover led a discussion about emission types and the possibility of encryption.
 - 2) Discussion around adding a repeater pair to the state plan.
 - VTAC37 was discussed as an option to satisfy this request.
 - a) An action item will be added to the next meeting to cover this topic.
 - F. WECS Status Update
 - 1) Heather Harris-Fatty and Molly Boss shared background on the WECS tactics.
 - Educate Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and users on the use of state and federal interoperable channels.
 - Develop or update guidelines (e.g. WI-FOG) for the integration of federal and state interoperable channels.
 - Conduct one annual state-sponsored SIMCOM and one annual state sponsored COMMEX program to provide educational opportunities for COMU position trainees and continuing education opportunities for individuals who have attained COMU position recognition status.
 - a) Westover expressed concern regarding this WECS tactic due to the fact that the LMR Subcommittee is not responsible for actually conducting these events.
 - G. OEC Website Discussion
 - 1) Heather Harris-Fatty presented the proposed content for the LMR Subcommittee webpage.
 - H. Upcoming Conferences and Events
 - 1) Meredith Hauge shared the background on this topic and asked for Subcommittee members to provide any known updates.
 - 2) Westover endorsed the RECCWG event as a worthwhile event for members to participate in, if possible.
6. New Business
- A. Federal IR/LE Channel Usage
 - 1) The Federal IR/LE Channels (both UHF and VHF) have been licensed in Wisconsin for non-permanent temporary use.
 - B. 25 Cities Channels
 - 1) Westover briefed the Subcommittee on this federal interoperability initiative.
 - 2) Westover will prepare a presentation on this topic for the next Subcommittee meeting.
 - C. Harris-Fatty shared an update about the Long Term Evolution (LTE) Push-To-Talk (PTT) Over Radio Frequency (RF) Devices Survey that was distributed and asked for Subcommittee members to please fill out the survey.
 - D. Hauge shared that there will no longer be regularly scheduled “Joint LMR/WISCOM Subcommittee Meetings”. If a topic requires discussion amongst both subcommittees then they will meet simultaneously to address that topic. The November meeting schedule will be adjusted accordingly.
7. Next Meeting Date: November 18, 2020.
8. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Holum. Seconded by Korten Hof. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meredith Hauge
DMA/OEC