

## Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Subcommittee

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2020  
1:30 PM

**WEB/TELECONFERENCE ONLY**

### MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting convened at 1:31 PM.
2. Quorum was established with 13/15 members present. Present via teleconference: Eric Boulanger (late), Christine Churchill, Carl Guse, Frank Hanousek, Taylor Holum, Ken Kortenhof (late), Todd Lindert (late), Tim Lizotte, Joseph Massie, Tucker McCumber, Russell Schreiner, Paul Susienka, and James Westover.

Members absent: Robert Hartson, and Doug Lofreddo.

3. Meeting Minutes
  - A. Review and approval of the September 23, 2020 meeting minutes.

*Motion to approve meeting minutes by McCumber. Seconded by Susienka. Unanimous approval.*

4. Public Comment
  - A. Jim Stromberg, the new Region V CISA representative introduced himself.
5. Review and Possible Approval of COMU WG Recommended Recognition and Renewal Candidates
  - A. Tucker McCumber, Communications Technician (COMT)

*Motion to approve Tucker McCumber for COMT recognition made by Lindert. Seconded by Kortenhof. Unanimous approval.*

- B. Brett Frierhood, Communications Unit Leader (COML)

*Motion to approve Brett Frierhood for COML recognition made by Susienka. Seconded by Lindert. Unanimous approval.*

- C. Andy Stenberg, Communications Technician (COMT) & Communications Unit Leader (COML) Recognition Renewal

*Motion to approve Andy Stenberg's recognition renewal for COMT and COML by Holum. Seconded by McCumber. Unanimous approval.*

6. Usage and Rules of 25 Cities Channels and IR/LE Channels
  - 1) Westover provided a status update on this topic.
    - 1) The FBI is okay with non-federal interoperability use of the 25 Cities Channels as long as an effort is made to provide notice ahead of time if possible.
    - 2) VHF and UHF licenses were issued for the Federal IR/LE Channels. Westover will work with the OEC to update the WI-FOG accordingly.

7. WECS Status Update
  - A. Educate Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and users on the use of state and federal interoperable channels.
  - B. Develop or update guidelines (e.g. WI-FOG) for the integration of federal and state interoperable channels.
    - 1) Westover confirmed that the WI-FOG updates to address the Federal IR/LE Channels will address this tactic.
  - C. 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.
8. Programming of Interop Channels in Radios Statewide and WIFOG Compliance
  - A. Westover led a discussion on this topic. There was a consensus to allow Westover (with assistance from Jim Stromberg, Erik Viel and potentially Jamie Fornea) to draft programming guidelines to be reviewed and approved at the January LMR Subcommittee Meeting. These would then be presented to the Interoperability Council for review and approval at their first meeting in 2021.
9. Discussion and Possible Action to Include VTAC37 in Statewide Plan
  - A. Westover will move forward with licensing this channel, and he'll work on getting the channel integrated into the WI-FOG in Q1 or Q2 of 2021.
10. Implementation of Shared Repeater Pairs at Incidents
  - A. This topic was tabled.
11. OEC Website Discussion
  - A. Heather Harris reviewed proposed content and asked for feedback from the Subcommittee.
12. Upcoming Conferences and Events
  - A. Meredith Hauge asked for Subcommittee members to share any information or updates they may have about these events or other events to be included.
13. The Subcommittee confirmed the existing meeting cadence. The next meeting will be January 27, 2021.
14. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM

*Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Lindert. Seconded by Massie. Unanimous approval.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Meredith Hauge  
DMA/OEC