WISCONSIN INTER●PERABILITY
SEAMLESS STATEWIDE ● PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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WISCONSIN INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
12:30PM

WEB & TELECONFERENCE ONLY

MEETING MINUTES

1. Chair Matt Joski called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

2. Quorum was established with 10/12 members present. Present via teleconference: Jamie Formea, Kirk Gunderson, Steve Hansen, Matt Joski, Kyle Mirehouse, Marshall Ogren, Michael Warnke, Darrell Williams, Michael Woodzicka, and Trina Zanow.

   Members absent: Anthony Burrell, Sean Marschke.

3. Review and Approval of January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Ogren. Seconded by Woodzicka. Unanimous approval.

Formea shared that the WISCOM Subcommittee now has concerns related to the action taken by the Interoperability Council on January 28, 2021 to endorse the use of HSEMS 1-5 on the WISCOM system for EMS ground and air interoperability, with a request made to the Department of Health Services to include standard recommendations for usage in the next State EMS Communications Plan. The Subcommittee may have alternative recommendations.
   A. The Interoperability Council will hold off on communicating the action taken at the January Meeting until the WISCOM Subcommittee provides further updates on this topic.

4. IC and Subcommittee Membership Updates
   A. Welcome New IC Member: Marshall Ogren
   B. Review and Possible Action to Approve New WISCOM Subcommittee Member

Motion to approve Katherine Johnson to represent the Hospital and Healthcare Systems Coordinator Office on the WISCOM Subcommittee by Formea. Seconded by Ogren. Unanimous approval.

5. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

6. WISCOM Update
   A. DOT Report – *Tim Carnahan*
      1) Processes
         a. Bureau of Network Engineering and Data Infrastructure (BNEDI) is finishing up final tasks associated with Edge Consulting regarding the statewide tower site civil assessment project.
         b. BNEDI is getting ready to kick off spring 2021 tower site preventive maintenance checks.
      2) Hardware/software updates (NMS, TSNI, CSNI, MRGW, AGW and ISSI)

a. Starting Monday, March 8, 2021, WISCOM Tech Support began the statewide rollout of the 20.1 system upgrade, and the process is expected to be completed in three weeks. The Network Management Server (NMS) was upgraded early in January. The new site controller software has been running in the Juneau County sites since January 19 and was also installed in the Rubicon site on February 1 where technical staff have been testing the various makes and models of radios certified for use on WISCOM.

b. Individual sites are expected to have a 10-15 second interruption in service as the standby site controller becomes active. Conventional resources will experience interruption for the duration of their individual upgrade. For local daily users the upgrade timing will be coordinated with the user.

c. Not included in this round of upgrades are the Juneau County sites, The Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Department of Health Services (DHS) sites. DOC and DHS sites in need of 19.1 upgrades and Stargate upgrades will continue to be contacted separately to coordinate those upgrades.

3) The WISCOM site on wheels (SOW) was successfully deployed during the 2021 American Birkebeiner

B. DMA Report – *Erik Viel*

1) Interviews for the Program and Policy Analyst position are scheduled for March 16.

2) All information or questions regarding WISCOM should be directed to interop@wisconsin.gov until OEC staff vacancies are filled.

3) If you are requesting radios to be added to WISCOM you must fill out or submit an updated application to interop@wisconsin.gov.

7. NG911 Program Update – *Molly Boss*

A. ESInet RFP

1) Contract negotiations with AT&T are ongoing.

B. Federal 911 Grant Program

1) Round one grants are active, three projects have been completed

2) Round two have been awarded for 18 NG-capable equipment projects

3) Discussed additional projects with the 911 Subcommittee for remaining funding, recommended GIS-specific project(s)

4) Funds must be spent by March 2022

C. 2019 WI Act 26

1) Continued rules discussion with 911 Subcommittee, will be ongoing this year

D. GIS Gap Analysis with Geo-Comm, Inc.

1) Finalized NextGen911 GIS Standards & Best Practices Guide

2) Data collection and GIS data assessments were completed in January

3) Educational sessions were held in the first two weeks of March. Also planning an educational session for the PSAPs at the WIPSCOM Conference in May of 2021

4) Geo-Comm will issue a final report in May or June of 2021

8. Public Safety Broadband Program Update – *Margaret Zieke*

A. FirstNet

1) As of February 2021, there are just over 21,000 individual FirstNet users in Wisconsin

2) The Wisconsin buildout is on track to be completed this year, 2 years ahead of schedule

3) AT&T plans to continue adding sites around the state, outside of the state commitment

4) Increase in Radio over IP (RoIP) system installations and interest in LMR/LTE systems

5) New AT&T Regional Staff

a. Aaron Midthun is still the state point of contact, but Lucas Butzler is the new regional point of contact for the northern part of the state

    B. New Verizon Mission-Critical Push-To-Talk (MCPTT) App
        1) Group First Response
            a. Interoperable with other Verizon PTT apps
            b. Priority and preemption in commercial core
            c. Features include streaming video and geofencing
            d. Compatible with RoIP/CSSI/ISSI/Critical Connect
            e. Licenses available for Verizon and non-Verizon users
    C. RF/LTE Gateway Policy
        1) Put in place in 2020
        2) Designed to give visibility to what gateway devices are being used on WISCOM
        3) 2 applications received as of February

9. WI OEC/SWIC Update – *Erik Viel*
    A. The statewide tower assessment project's Phase 2 Report is in final draft. Hope to have a final draft ready in a week or two in order to support the $22 million budget request to make repairs and enhancements to the statewide tower infrastructure.
    B. The State Building Commission has hearings scheduled for the week of March 14. Viel will be attending in order to answer any questions related to the $22 million budget request.
    C. The OEC has received approval from CISA regarding a technical assistance request to do an update to the Wisconsin Field Operations Guide (WI-FOG).
        1) Updates will include the creation of a version for mobile devices
        2) Will be working with the LMR Subcommittee on this project

10. Review and Compile Feedback for a Letter to the Adjutant General Regarding the Executive Steering Committee's (ESC) Recommendations for the Enhancement or Replacement of the WISCOM System
    A. Action to Approve the Letter to the Adjutant General Regarding the ESC's Recommendations for the Enhancement or Replacement of the WISCOM System
        1) Hansen noted that he has received letters to be sent to the Adjutant General from each of the following organizations; the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, Douglas County, Rock County, and MABAS Wisconsin regarding the ESC's Recommendations for the Enhancement or Replacement of the WISCOM System.

Motion to approve the letter to the Adjutant General from the Interoperability Council as presented by Hansen. Seconded by Formea. Unanimous approval.

11. Update on Establishing IC Bylaws and/or Updating the IC Charter
    A. Formea provided an update on the background, goals, and status of this project.

12. Upcoming Conferences and Events
    A. Joski reviewed upcoming events with the Council.

13. The next meeting will be held on May 27, 2021.

14. Meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Formea. Seconded by Warnke. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Hauge
DMA/OEC