

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

May 26, 2021
12:30 pm

Meeting held via TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened by Chairperson Kesler at 12:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Quorum was established with 14 of 19 members present.

Members present: Darren Chappuies, Steven Fenske, Tim Halbach, Keith Hurlbert, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Christopher Lehner, Jennifer Lord represented by Carl Guse, Gary McClelland, Marshall Ogren, Sergeant Tuttle, Jan Victorson, Dan Weber, and Logan Zinsli.

Members excused: Kirk Gunderson and Timothy Slater.

Members absent: Joseph Baasch, Paul Eaton, and David Gribble.

3. Meeting Minutes
 - A. Review and Approval of the February 16th Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the February 16th meeting minutes by Ogren, seconded by McClelland. Motion carried.
 - B. Review and Approval of the March 10th Meeting Minutes. Correction requested to the members present to include Joseph Baasch.
Motion to approve the March 10th meeting minutes with the correction by Ogren, seconded by Victorson. Motion carried.
4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
5. Old Business
 - A. EMS intercept Talk Group designation
 - 1) Discussion focused on use of regional talk groups, need for local decision making and flexibility.
 - 2) *MOTION by Chappuies, seconded by Ogren to recommend to the IC that the Regional as well as the HSEMS Talk Groups be recommended for use in EMS air or ground intercepts. Motion carried.*
 - 3) Action to be relayed to the IC and the EMS Section.
 - B. TAG response to ESC WISCOM recommendation. No discussion.
 - C. WISCOM Timeline
 - 1) OEC has been developing documentation related to the history of WISCOM. The document was included with meeting information.

- 2) OEC is looking for additional history related to WISCOM, especially previous to 2015. Please submit comments to interop.gov no later than June 30th for inclusion.
6. New Business
 - A. ASK (Advanced System Key) for WISCOM Application
 - 1) OEC provided a draft application for review and comment.
 - 2) Goal to verify potential radio programming only be done by those with knowledge and skills that will mitigate issues that are blamed on the WISCOM system.
 - 3) Discussion: Included review of the requirements, need to include municipal public safety agencies in the wording and need for "simple" reprogramming (add a talk group, change a radio ID, etc.) when vendor reprogramming is cost prohibitive.
 - B. Bayfield County programming request
 - 1) Bayfield County has requested a local individual be allowed a system key in order to provide simple reprogramming.
 - 2) Discussion as to vendor cost to reprogram a radio prohibits local agencies from changing radio IDs or adding a talk group when that could greatly enhance local communication capabilities.
 - 3) System key document is under development partly in response to the Bayfield County request.
 - C. Hospital WISCOM Type 1 radio transition
 - 1) Current hospital WISCOM capable radios are being replace - many moving from the Type 2 (console type) to Type 1 radios.
 - 2) Service agreement includes the hospital taking on the maintenance of the new radios.
 - 3) Radios being purchased are in the VHF band.
 7. Future Agenda items - Please contact Keith Kesler (khkbrule@yahoo.com) with agenda items for the next meeting.
 8. Next meeting - July 21st - Location to be determined.
 9. Adjournment

Motion made by Fenske, seconded by Ogren to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 13:23.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson