

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

September 21, 2022
12:30 pm

Meeting held via TEAMS

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened by Chairperson Kesler at 12:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Quorum was established with 16 of 22 members present.

Members present: Joseph Baasch, Darren Chappuies, Patrick Deethardt, Steven Fenske, Carl Guse (for DNR), Tim Halbach, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Christopher Lehner, Gary McClelland, Dan Miller, Logan Milton, Marshall Ogren, Torre Peterson-Waldvogel, Tim Slater, Jan Victorson, and Logan Zinsli.

Members excused: Kirk Gunderson, Keith Hurlbert.

Members absent: Tyler Tuttle, Ben Warrington and Dan Weber.

3. Patrick Deethardt from Monroe County was introduced as a new member to the WISCOM Subcommittee. Welcome, Patrick.
4. Meeting Minutes:
Review and Approval of the July 27, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the July 27, 2022 meeting minutes by Baasch, seconded by Slater. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment:

Jack Hoiby, Chief of the Grand View Fire Department (Bayfield County) reported an Assistance to Firefighters regional grant award for \$870,000. He is looking for guidance related to purchase of radios that will work on WISCOM into the future. With this grant purchase, Bayfield County will have nearly 1000 radios active on WISCOM. Points of discussion:

- We are still in the procurement process.
- Difficult to predict timetable for implementation.
- There is an existing "800" component to the current WISCOM system which may make purchase of dual band radios acceptable.
- Once WISCOM contract awarded discounts on radios may be offered.

Updates on the RFP will be given at the IC meeting tomorrow.

There was no other public comment.

6. Old Business:

- A. Questions received concerning WISCOM upgrade – Keith Kesler.
Additional input received from local departments expressing concern, lack of radio equipment and/or lack of knowledge about WISCOM move to 800.
- B. WISCOM Outreach – Keith Kesler
Kesler was recently confronted by physicians complaining that there has been no training on use of the WISCOM radios at their hospitals.
Darren Chappuies reviewed the hospital program including the replacement of radios and training for the nurse on duty. No issues have been identified to him. Discussion included the need for local investment of time and education. Each of the seven health regions has a HERC (Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition) has contracted with an SME (subject matter expert) to provide ongoing training and education. More education is needed. Include use of WISCOM in drills or exercises including bed count reports, etc.. DHS is working toward a WISCOM webpage.
Programming lists will be provided by Chappuies.
- C. Web Page Update - Keith Kesler
The recent draft of the web page update was forwarded to subcommittee members. Potential changes were reviewed.

Motion made by Victorson, seconded by Baasch, to adopt the draft web page document and forward to OEC. Motion carried.

Note: Carl Guse will be researching the year the SSMG was formed in order to validate the history.

7. New Business:

- A. OEC Update – OEC Staff.
 - 1) RFP – Erik Viel reported that an update on the RFP will be provided at the IC meeting tomorrow/September 22nd. He encourages all to attend the IC.
 - 2) An Executive Secretary has been hired with starting date of October 24th.
 - 3) Recruitment has started for a grant specialist with GIS specialist to follow.
 - 4) SIMCOM is scheduled for October 12th thru 14th.
 - 5) WISCOM data related to PTT and talkgroup usage was reviewed.
 - 6) Welcome to new user in Grant County, Southwest Health EMS.
- B. Open subcommittee position for DNR – Keith Kesler
Grant Voermanns is a candidate from the DNR for the open position. No action needed.
SCIP (State Communications Interoperability Plan) Update:
Viel reported that the SCIP draft will be presented at the IC meeting tomorrow, July 28th. Please attend the IC meeting if you want more information.
- C. Future Activities – All
Potential opportunities for outreach were discussed including county and tribal emergency managers, RTAC (Regional Trauma Advisory Council) and HERC (Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition) Coordinators, HERC SMEs, NEWCOM,

ECCOM. Emergency Management regional meetings may be open to presentations by WISCOM subcommittee members and OEC.

Steve Fenske also encouraged the subcommittee to forward any information to him for distribution to other regional directors within WEM (Wisconsin Emergency Management).

8. Future Agenda items: Please contact Keith Kesler (khkbrule@yahoo.com) with agenda items for the next meeting.
9. Next meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 12:30 meeting time. Location to be determined.
9. Adjournment

*Motion made by Joe Baasch, second by Steve Fenske, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 1320.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson