

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

November 16, 2022
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 16 of 21 members present.

Members present: Joseph Baasch, Darren Chappuies, Patrick Deethardt, Steven Fenske, Kirk Gunderson, Tim Halbach, Katherine Johnson, Keith Kesler, Christopher Lehner, Gary McClelland, Dan Miller, Logan Milton, Tim Slater, Jan Victorson, Dan Weber and Logan Zinsli.

Members excused: Keith Hurlbert, Marshall Ogren.

Members absent: Torre Peterson-Waldvogel, Tyler Tuttle, Ben Warrington.

3. Meeting Minutes:
Review and Approval of the September 21, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the September 21, 2022 meeting minutes by Steve Fenske, seconded by Kirk Gunderson. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

5. Old Business:

- A. Questions received concerning WISCOM upgrade – Keith Kesler.

Local departments continue to express concern about lack of radio equipment and/or lack of knowledge about WISCOM's move to 800.

Bayfield County has received an AFG to fund WISCOM capable radios. Decisions have been made to purchase dual band mobiles for those departments participating and purchase VHF WISCOM capable portable radios.

- B. WISCOM Outreach – Keith Kesler

Training is a current need. OEC is considering options for in-person training on interoperability and communications.

LaPointe Fire, Ashland County, is implementing WISCOM and looking for some training. Kesler will work with them.

Johnson announced that the HERCs (Health Emergency Readiness Coalitions) have been requesting WISCOM training. Chappuies, Westover and Johnson are working on development. Plan would be to work with regional SMEs (subject matter experts) hired by each HERC. Quarterly meetings are being planned for next year.

Upcoming conferences and training events may offer opportunities to provide information and/or training thru vendor participation or presentations.

6. New Business:

A. OEC Update – OEC Staff.

- 1) RFP – Erik Viel reported that a protest was received from Motorola. DMA found no basis and denied it. Motorola appealed to DOA on 10/26. No decision has been made. No award can be made until resolved. No additional information as still in the procurement process.
- 2) Welcome to Merton Fire Department (Waukesha County) as a daily user.
- 3) Allison Hudack has been hired as executive staff secretary.
- 4) Grant specialist and GIS specialist have been hired.
- 5) CISA has granted the classes requested. They have not been scheduled.
- 6) A multi-state communications exercise is being planned for the future.

B. Member Terms – OEC Staff

Subcommittee members whose terms will soon expire should have received an email from OEC. Include as agenda item for next meeting.

C. Review of Bylaws Changes – Keith Kesler

Bylaws change was reviewed. The change includes that a subcommittee member may continue after their term expires until another is appointed by the IC.

D. SCIP Review – Keith Kesler

Kesler reviewed the Implementation Section of the SCIP. Discussion related to future planning once contract awarded and radio specs developed. Planning for lifecycle funding and sustainability also to be addressed.

E. Update on Hospital WISCOM Project – Katherine Johnson

Johnson reported that hospitals have received new WISCOM radios. Old WISCOM radios (120) are available for use by others. Notification to be made through the HERCs, RTACs, and others.

F. SIMCOM 2023 – Steve Fenske

SIMCOM 2023 is planned for May 2 through the 4th, 2023 in Brown County with another remote location to be identified. Additional information next meeting.

7. Future Agenda items: Please contact Keith Kesler (khkbrule@yahoo.com) with agenda items for the next meeting.
8. Next meeting – scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 12:30 meeting time. Location to be determined.
9. Adjournment

*Motion made by Steve Fenske, second by Joe Baasch, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 1310.*

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson