

LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) SUBCOMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

1:30 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting convened at 13:31.
2. Quorum established with 10 of 15 members present.
 - Via teleconference: Carl Guse, Don Kimlicka, Jim Westover, Joe Massie, Michael Evon, Todd Lindert, Shena Kohler, Tucker McCumber, Andrew Hyer, and Larry Dudzinski.
 - Members absent: Russ Schreiner, Alex Davis, Taylor Holum Eric Boulanger, and Glen Hageman.
 - Northwest Region Rep and DNR seats vacant.
3. Review and Approval of November 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve meeting minutes by Guse. Seconded by McCumber. Unanimous approval.
4. Public Comment
 - No comment from the public.
5. Old and/or reoccurring agenda items
 - OEC web site page
 - o Question from Lindert if documents from the LMR Sub-Committee page with (WiFOG, Air Med LZ Plan, Interoperability ID Plan, etc.) can be stored on the OEB webpage? Margaret Zieke stated they are already on the OEC website.
 - o Lindert plans to add a link to the Encryption Plan once the group meets.
 - o Page just needs fine tuning and will be sent by Lindert to OEC.
6. Position Task Book(s)
 - This item to be removed from future agendas as LMR is no longer in the approval process.
7. New agenda items for possible action

A. Elections

- Chairman – Westover nominated Lindert for Chair. Lindert accepted nomination. Seconded by McCumber. No other nominations. Unanimous ballot declared.
- Vice-Chair – Westover nominated Massie for Vice-Chair. Massie accepted. Seconded by Dudzinski. No other nominations. Unanimous ballot declared.

B. LMR Encryption Plan and possible workgroup formation

- Lindert, Guse, and Westover will meet within the next few weeks to review the current plan and hope to have a technical document update at that meeting.

C. LZ Coordination Channels

- The Air Medical Group is not on board with the LZ coordination channel changed approved by the IC in late 2020.
- Lindert: Jeff Grim with Air Med Council wants to reach out to other groups to find out who is not board and what are their concerns. Hope to have an update for our next meeting. Would like the results in the next EMS Plan.

D. Request and possible action from Racine FD for addition of P25 emissions to EMS channels and use of encryption on them

- Previous discussions centered around possible FCC issues regarding changing emissions on common mutual aid channels.
- Westover stated it is possible to make the changes from his Spectrum role, but if Racine FD wanted to submit a modification, it must be accompanied by a Department of Health Services letter. Also concerns regarding who would hold the key and sharing of the key.
- Guse: Using EMS B in a P25 configuration would interrupt many other operations.
- Motion by Guse for Racine FD to use a WISCOM talk group that could be secured or another non-Statewide interoperability channel. Seconded by Massie. Unanimously approved.
- Westover will send the letter to advise Racine FD.

E. 2022 EMS Comms Plan update

- This will now be the 2023 EMS Comms Plan, which will go for review in February or early March.
- Main changes will be a cut back on historical information and verbiage changes in WISCOM talk groups.
- The hospital PL tones will also be removed. This will still be available via an email link to authorized radio programmers.

F. LMR Subcommittee Vacancies/Renewals/Retirements

- DNR – Grant Voermans has been appointed to fill the DNR vacancy. Goes before the IC tomorrow.

- Northwest Region Rep position was recently vacated. IC will vote tomorrow to open application period.

G. And any other business as necessary to the LMR subcommittee

- Nothing.

8. Upcoming Conferences and Events

- WI EMS Conference: February 1 – 4 (Green Bay)
- Birkebeiner (late February)
- Governor’s Conference: February 27 – March 1 (Middleton)
- Northwoods Emergency Services Conference: March 24 – 25 (Rice Lake)
- SIMCOM: May 3 – 5 (Green Bay)

9. Next Meeting Date: March 22, 2023 at 13:30

10. Meeting Adjournment

- Motion by Westover to adjourn. Seconded by Kimlicka. Approved. Adjourned at 14:22.