

## LAND MOBILE RADIO (LMR) SUBCOMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023  
1:30 P.M.

### MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Convened at 13:30.
2. Quorum established with 10 of 16 members present.
  - Via teleconference: Alex Dravis, Larry Dudzinski, Carl Guse, Lieutenant Andrew Hyer, Sergeant Sheena Kohler, Todd Lindert, Joe Massie, Tucker McCumber, Russ Schreiner, Jim Westover.
  - Members absent: Chief Boulanger (excused), Michael Evon, Sergeant Hageman, Taylor Holum (excused), Don Kimlicka (excused), Grant Voermans.
3. Review and Approval of January 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to approve minutes by Hyer. Seconded by McCumber. Unanimously approved.
4. Public Comment
  - Jim Stromberg (CISA) – Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota is looking for communications capabilities for all tribes in FEMA Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI). Jim put up a link on the meeting chat for those with information for the project.
5. Old and/or reoccurring agenda items
  - OEC web site update -see attached document: No comments
6. New agenda items for possible action
  - A. SCIP Goals 1.2 and 1.3 discussion
    - Jamie Formea (IC Vice Chair) met with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the IC subcommittees to quantify the IC SCIP goals approved in 2022.
    - The goals are for IC members to be speakers for the IC and/or any sub-committee and have a list of talking points available to them.
    - These talking points will consist of past accomplishments, present projects, and future goals of the IC and each sub-committee.
    - This could also be used as a quick rundown for on-boarding of new committee members.
    - Thus far, the LMR Sub-committee has the following draft items:
      - o LMR was born out of multiple prior boards focusing on various aspects of radio interoperability.
      - o We are currently developing land mobile radio standards, including the development of the WIFOG, channel naming, and interoperable encryption standards; resolution of real-world interoperability challenges reported by public safety users.

- In the future LMR will look to the evolution of land mobile radio technologies to include broadband solutions and data interoperability.
  - Any members with additional thoughts or ideas were asked to contact Lindert.
- B. LMR Encryption Plan workgroup
- The workgroup hasn't met yet.
- C. LZ Coordination Channels
- Lindert and Westover have emailed the Air Med Group contact with no response.
- D. Request and possible action from Racine FD for addition of P25 emissions to EMS channels and use of encryption on them
- Westover requested this item back on the agenda for language clarification. At the previous meeting the discussion was focused on EMS B, but Westover would like to clarify this item to disallow encryption from EMS A, B, or C, not just EMS B as approved in the previous meeting. Motion by Guse to disallow encryption on EMS A, B, or C. Second by Dudzinski. Unanimous approval.
  - Westover will draft the letter to Racine FD with the results of the sub-committee and options of other talk paths that are available if they still wish to pursue this.
- E. Dane County making broadcasts over VLAW31
- Westover brought up that for quite a few years, Dane Co/City of Madison has routinely broadcasted "hot" calls on trunked and conventional channels (VLAW31). A couple years back, Richland County had contacted Westover with an issue of the frequency of the broadcasts and how far out these broadcasts reached beyond Dane County.
  - Guse believes there was a time the WISPERN Board encouraged this practice and thinks this could be a good practice with many different radio systems and the number of transient units in the Madison/Dane area. Today, radio traffic on VLAW31 has decreased and it is no longer a busy channel, and the Dane County broadcasts gives some life to the channel. He did suggest that if Madison/Dane wished to continue this practice, they should do so from a lower antenna height or lower power to reduce the range of these Madison area broadcasts. Guse also mentioned that this blast out could be part of a multi-channel broadcast, which includes VLAW31.
  - Lindert mentioned that Dane/Madison doesn't announce who they are on the broadcast and the only way to identify the broadcaster is if a person knows some of the area streets.
  - Lt Hyer asked if this is only dispatch talking or if officers actually respond to the broadcasts. Lindert and Westover both believe it is a one-way broadcast.
  - Massie suggested having Madison/Dane identify themselves when they begin their blast-outs. Westover agreed this is a good place to start.
  - Guse suggested preceding blast-out with "Any units in the Madison area...", or something similar. Could this be transmitted on a channel that limits the broadcast range?
  - Lindert will follow up with Dane County.
- F. 2023 EMS Comms Plan update – solicit suggestions on format and content

- Westover is hoping to have the draft out by the next LMR meeting.
- Lindert and Mike Tedeschi (HERC NE SME) mentioned the primary goal is to find backup communications paths that EMS agencies can program into their radios.
- Westover requested that anyone with other input contact him.

G. LMR Subcommittee Vacancies/Renewals/Retirements

- 1) For NW region there are 2 candidates: Sheriff Tony Williams from Bayfield County and Paul Brooten, Lead Communications Officer from Barron County. Credentials for both were listed on the meeting agenda.
  - o After discussion, Motion by Schreiner to recommend Paul Brooten to the IC for the NW region vacancy. Second by Westover. Approved with McCumber abstaining.
- 2) Openings and those coming open soon coming soon
  - o Currently open - Local Fire Service - Currently Tucker McCumber. His renewal paperwork has been submitted.
  - o Coming open soon - Region 45 7/800 MHz RPC – Currently Russ Schreiner. Russ intends to reapply.
  - o Coming open soon - Region 54 7/800 MHz RPC – Currently Carl Guse. Carl intends to reapply.

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

- Nothing.

7. Upcoming Conferences and Events

- SIMCOM - May 3-5 at UWGB

8. Next Meeting Date: May 24, 2023 at 13:30.

9. Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Westover. Second by McCumber. Unanimously approved at 14:23.

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