

WISCOM Subcommittee Meeting

April 24, 2024
12:30 pm

Meeting held via TEAMS and IN-PERSON

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

1. Meeting Convened by Chairperson Kesler at 12:30 pm.
2. Roll call: Quorum was established with 15 of 20 members present.

Members present: Adam Anderson, Joseph Baasch, Darren Chappuies, Patrick Deethardt, Kirk Gunderson, Grant Hones, Keith Kesler, Bob Koch, Christopher Lehner, Logan Milton, Marshall Ogren, Torre Peterson-Waldvogel, Chris Reynolds, Timothy Slater, Erin Tuttle, Jan Victorson.

Members excused: Steven Fenske, Katherine Johnson, Logan Zinsli.
Members absent: Tim Halbach, Ben Warrington.

3. Meeting Minutes:
Review and Approval of the January 24, 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion by Baasch, seconded by Peterson-Waldvogel, to approve the November 29, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Derrick DePietro and Chad Olszewski of Motorola Solutions introduced themselves and offered assistance.

Welcome to Bob Koch as a subcommittee member.

5. Welcome Bob Koch to the Subcommittee representing the Southwest WEM Region.

6. Old Business

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

No update. Item will remain on the agenda to assure time for discussion as needed.

- B. WISCOM Outreach – Keith Kesler and Committee members

EMS Advisory Board was updated on air medical “air to ground” coordinating frequencies and talk groups at their March meeting.
North Central Fire Chiefs Association has had updates related to the WISCOM upgrade.

Local users in Bayfield and Douglas Counties Fire and EMS agencies continue to receive reports at monthly meetings.

C. Air Medical Communications – Keith Kesler

DHS has a process for review and approval of the draft by the EMS Office and the State EMS Advisory Board to become final. The draft State EMS Communications Plan has been updated related to Ground to Air communications as follows:

- Conventional VHF – Fireground (FG) Gray primary; FG Black secondary.
- WISCOM – Statewide talkgroups HSEMS 1-5
- WISCOM – Regional talkgroups RCALL and RTACs
- 700-800 – 8TACGRAY primary; 8TACBLACK secondary.

D. WISCOM RFP/Contract Update – Erik Viel

Viel reported that negotiations continue with L3Harris on the contract. No more updates until contract in place.

E. Radio Grant – Keith Kesler

Grant work group has been meeting to develop guidance for the IC related to SB 218/AB 219 grant program requirements. Thank you to those willing to participate.

7. New Business:

A. OEC Update – OEC Staff

No new information.

B. WISCOM Upgrade Update – Meredith Hauge

- System data reviewed.
- Report to be sent to committee members.
- Welcome New Interop (IO) users
 - East Troy Fire Department – Walworth County
 - Town/Delavan Police Department – Walworth County

C. New Interoperability Council and Subcommittee Member Onboarding – OEC Staff

An informational meeting for new subcommittee and IC members is scheduled for May 23rd – 1 to 4 pm in Madison.

D. Interoperability and WISCOM Training Survey – Margaret Zieke

Margaret Zieke reported on a survey sent to users intended to discover gaps in training. 260 responses were received.

Zieke asked that subcommittee members identify best practices and forward to her. Discussion included the need for each agency to identify a local radio person, recognize the need for education, education as to interoperability realities and resources, marketing system to the grassroots, incentives for planning, use of portions of the COML curriculum for local training, training in local equipment, etc.

Question: How do we educate local agencies that a local radio person is needed?

- E. Mandatory WI Public Records Law and Ethics for Public Officials Training - Keith Kesler/Allison Hudack

Allison Hudack will contact subcommittee members who still need to complete the training.

- F. Future Activities / Business for the WISCOM Subcommittee – All subcommittee members

8. Future Agenda Items. – Items to Chair Kesler – khkbrule@yahoo.com

9. Next Meeting Date: July 24, 2024 – Location to be determined.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Peterson-Waldvogel, seconded by Victorson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Victorson