

NW Region SCIP Implementation Council

Meeting Minutes August 31, 2011

Keith called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. at the LCO Convention Center in Hayward.

Roll call is by the sign in sheet.

Keith asked for approval of the May 4th minutes. Terry Dryden motioned to approve and a second was made by Dave Kaminski. Motion carried.

No public comment.

County reports on progress on interoperability: Sawyer is making progress with the WISCOM system. Ashland did narrowbanding last week. Price did their narrowbanding the 1st two weeks in August and they are having no problems. In Washburn Terry Dryden said they will be narrowbanding the mutual aid and sheriff channels next week and the fire is scheduled at the end of September. Barron said that the sheriff is done and the fire and mutual aid channels will be done in September. Rusk County will be narrowbanding in September. Burnett has some of their Sheriff channels done; no date on the narrowbanding other channels. Douglas will be done narrowbanding in September; the Superior Fire Department is done. Bayfield will be narrowbanding at the end of September. Iron narrowbanding law and county in October and fire will be next week. Polk County should be done narrowbanding by September 20th.

Brian Cody and Jan Victorson worked on creating a list of mutual aid channels to use if agencies responded to other counties. Brian passed around a draft of what they have developed so far. Terry Dryden asked if counties are using the priority list from the State when they are programming their radios. Most counties are programming their radios according to how the State wants. Jan explained further on how the mutual aid channels would be used. A question was asked about the naming protocol for channels this does not affect the mutual aid channels. Terry Dryden asked Brian about the digital or analog channels on the law side and Brian said they would be using analog.

Special report: none

Old business:

Regional coordinator report: Tad had copies of the National Interoperability Field Operations Guide to hand out to each of the Counties. Tad said that 7 counties had their Goal 2 info completed, one was in the process and 3 had not started. The State wanted this info done by September 1st. Tad also said he has no TICP's done yet but he did have his first meeting with Polk County on August 30th. He has another meeting set up with Burnett County in October. Tad also said a couple of people have signed up for CASM. If anybody else is interested he can get them signed up. Ashland County asked about the mapping of agencies because they are not plotted on the correct spot. CASM is updating their program and this will help correct this problem.

WISCOM: Jim Westover from OJA and overseeing the administration and training for WISCOM did a presentation on WISCOM. Keith Kesler commented on the importance of interoperability and how WISCOM helps. During the

recent wind storm in July the WISCOM channels worked great. Jim gave the group a history of WISCOM and what WISCOM is. Jim showed a slide of where the sites are online and future sites that will be online in the State. He also explained some costs to develop the program and the development of the Site on Wheels trailer. Jim also explained the different levels of access that WISCOM has. The first 2 levels are free but the other levels will have a cost but are free until June of 2015. Jim explained trunking and the use of system keys. The State is working on subscriber unit testing on different vendor radios. There will be some radio grant opportunities in the fall of 2011. Jim finished his presentation explaining county connections and training for WISCOM.

New business: Lance Ausing from the U.S. Department of Agriculture did a presentation about Rural Development and possibility of getting loans and grants for interoperability. Lance started his presentation with an overview of the agency. His area covers the same area our regional council covers. Lance gave examples of some projects they have helped fund such as fire trucks, rescue squad equipment and AED's. Funding for the program has been reduced over the last couple of years. In 2011 funding was \$6,228,000 for direct loans, \$2,800,000 for guaranteed loans but only \$315,000 for a direct grant. Lance went over the funding criteria and the process with getting loans and grants. You can apply at any time during the year but contact his office first and be prepared to have the project details.

Other Business: none

Next meeting: November 2, 2011, 10:00 am at LCO.

Adjourn: Motion by Jim Resac second by Terry Dryden. Motion Passed.

Council Members Present:

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Name	Representing/Agency/Department
Hnath, James	Ashland County Sheriff
Tank, Dorothy	Ashland County EMS
Foley, Taylor	Ashland County
Resac, Jim	Barron County Fire
Books, Randy	Barron County Law
Clark, Dan	Bayfield County EMS
Walsh, Joe	Burnett County EMS
Howe, Tom	Burnett County Fire
Burns, Scott	Burnett County Alternate
Moe, Gerald	Douglas County Law
Kesler, Keith	Douglas County EMS

Victorson, Jan	Regional EM
Furyk, Tony	Iron County Law
Petrusha, Darrell	Iron County Fire
Stoffel, Jill	Polk County EMS
Poirer, Kathy	Polk County Alternate
Kosharek, Brandon	Price County EMS
Minks, Jason	Price County Fire
Kaminski, David	Rusk County Law
Hall, Tom	Rusk County EMS
Locke, Jim	Rusk County Fire
Cody, Brian	Sawyer County EMS
Lillyroot, Rose	Sawyer County Alternate
Dryden, Terrence	Washburn County Law
Vik, Darren	Washburn County Fire
Buck, Carol	Washburn County Alternate

Others in Attendance:

Crowson, Ben DSC; Belany, Joe Ashland Fire; Westover, Jim OJA WISCOM; Kruk, John, North Memorial; Schultz, Cora USDA; Ausing, Lance USDA; Bossany, Ron USDA; Matheson, Tad NW-Regional Coordinator