

NW Region SCIP Implementation Council

Meeting Minutes March 21, 2012

Keith called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the LCO Convention Center in Hayward. This was an informational meeting only because there was not the required quorum.

Roll call is by the sign in sheet.

There was no approval of minutes.

No public comment.

County reports on progress on interoperability:

Keith Kesler said that they had a meeting yesterday with key players in Douglas County about going on WISCOM. The decision to go on WISCOM as a daily user will come before the County Board April 12th.

Keith also has been appointed to the SSMG. Keith said that there has been talk about user fees and how it may be very hard for a volunteer fire department to afford. He has suggested that a formula on usage may be a fairer way to charge. His other idea to help keep costs down for the counties would be to ask the State to give them credit if the counties build their own towers to be used for WISCOM.

The State did accept the EF Johnson WISCOM system three weeks ago and is now ready for daily use.

Keith asked if counties had taken advantage of the county connection grant for installing WISCOM in the dispatch centers. Bayfield County is just getting a radio for now. Washburn is connecting but will not be a daily user. Polk has applied for the connection grant.

Keith mentioned that school districts may be interested in WISCOM for their school buses because of their travels around the State.

Special report: none

Old business:

Regional coordinator report: Tad has been adding additional information into CASM. Since the last meeting Tad has completed Polk and Burnett county TICP's. He has also started TICP's in Ashland, Bayfield, Barron, Douglas and Rusk. If other counties are ready to start their TICP's give Tad a call.

New business:

Polk County said they got an armor radio to communicate with Minnesota. Burnett may get an armor radio later. Keith said that he is hoping for tying an armor talk group in with convention channel or a WISCOM talk group. This would make things more seamless.

Tad mentioned that he has been talking to his counterpart in Minnesota about exchanging CASM information and this would be helpful for interoperability. Everyone thinks this would be good but no one has done it as of yet.

Election of officers should have happened at this meeting but it will have to be postponed until the next meeting.

Next meetings: August 29, 2012 and November 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the LCO.

Council Members Present:

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Name	Representing/Agency/Department
Hnath, James	Ashland County Sheriff
Leu, Jason	Barron County Law
Hoiby, Jack	Bayfield County Fire
Susienka, Paul	Bayfield County Law
Roland, Dean	Burnett County Law
Rigstad, Jim	Douglas County Fire
Kesler, Keith	Douglas County EMS
Victorson, Jan	Regional EM
Stoffel, Jill	Polk County EMS
Poirer, Kathy	Polk County Alternate
Roush, Brian	Price County Law
Schmidt, Mike	Sawyer County Fire
Vik, Darren	Washburn County Fire
Buck, Carol	Washburn County Alternate
Others in Attendance:	
Matheson, Tad	NW- Regional Coordinator
Belany, Joe	Ashland Fire
Perkins, Joe	Price County Fire

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Scott Walker
Governor