

NW Region SCIP Implementation Council

Meeting Minutes (draft) September 24, 2014

Keith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the LCO Convention Center in Hayward.
Roll call was by the sign in sheet.

Keith called for the approval of the April 23, 2014 minutes. A motion was made to approve by Jim Resac and seconded by Dave Kaminski. Motion passed.

No public comment:

County reports on progress on interoperability:

Bayfield: Jan had a good story about using RCALL64 during the Fat Tire event. The radio system they were going to use wasn't working well so they used RCALL64 and it worked well. A new tower is going up in Grandview for additional coverage in Bayfield and Ashland counties. Paul commented that they leaning toward becoming WISCOM daily users.

Ashland: Had nothing to report.

Burnett: Rhonda said they are having a meeting about reprogramming radios and they are going narrowing. Rhonda said there is a coverage gap in the Jackson/Webb Lake area but that is getting worked out. Terry asked Rhonda about getting the new frequencies from Burnett and Rhonda will forward those to him, Keith and me.

Price: Everything is good there.

Barron: Everything is good there. The paging issues have been corrected.

Rusk: Had some interference issues on their fire frequencies from Taylor County but they are getting those worked out. Rusk also got their WISCOM radio fixed.

Washburn: Going to be doing some re-modeling in their dispatch center. Terry also said they were having interference issues because of using too much power on their repeater. They have lowered the power and it has helped but he is wondering who is going to pay for it? He didn't set the power that high.

Sawyer: They were hit by some storms last month and they lost power but they had good power back up and the WISCOM system worked well. They have had some problems with EF Johnson mobile radio control heads. They are replacing quite a few of them. John also said that the portables are not getting good reception. Keith explained that the State wants to have 95% mobile coverage that does not include portable coverage. John said they are using a pyramid repeater in their squads to help get better portable coverage. A couple of problems with the pyramid repeater is you don't hear the beep/beep sound that tells you that you have a connection and if you get more than one repeater to the other to close it creates interference.

Douglas: Keith said the last tower in the NW corner of the county will be going up. Keith said that Kenwood is still having issues with their radios but that is not a WISCOM problem. Having some problems with EF Johnson helping out getting things fixed in a timely manner.

Rhonda asked the question if we are better off now than we were 5 years ago. Keith said there is a transition period when moving to a new system. Keith said they are having user group meetings to discuss radio issues. It is important to have the system working all the time for safety reasons. Keith also talked about the IC redoing the Governance soon.

Shannon Ladwig talked about the requirements of spending the grant money in such a short time frame. They have talked to the feds about it and about being more lenient on getting the grants done. The fire grants seem to have been the problem but they are punishing everyone. Shannon wanted to expand on Rhonda's idea about are we better off now than we were 5 years ago? Shannon wants the Councils to think about where they want to be in 2-5 years so we can better plan for grants in the future. She asked for people to let Tad, Keith or herself know about ideas they might have for future funding. She would like to have ideas in February or March for the next funding cycle. Keith told the

group that Jim Westover and Dave Spenner are now working for EF Johnson. There was lengthy discussion about WISCOM and being interoperable.

Special reports: No reports.

Old business:

Tad gave his regional coordinator report.

There are two new RIC's Tom Czaja in the SE region and Rick Lange in the SW region. Tim Pierce is the new SWIC for the State. Tad has all the TICP's done except for one county. He also updated Polk counties TICP. Tad also mentioned that we need to update our bylaws. OJA will need to be taken out and replaced with DOJ and WEM. We should review this at the next meeting after the IC meets in November. Tad also thought it would be a good idea to include a mission and vision statement. Tad asked for a committee to be formed. Jan Victorson, Paul Susienka and John Kruk volunteered to work on these statements. Tad also brought some paper work about the Roll Call tests. Some counties have been good others have not. Tad asked if we want to keep doing the tests the same way. Most people liked the way we were doing it and to leave it the same. Because of the meeting going late it was decided not to show Tad's CASM training video. We can do it at the next meeting.

WISCOM: Keith reported that there were some issues with the hospitals using WISCOM. They need some addition training. Jan handed out a flyer to everyone on how the hospitals use their radios and what zones are set up. The hospitals are starting Roll Call tests. Hospitals in our area would like to participate in our Roll Call on RCALL61. Tad will ask Tim Pierce about putting the hospital communication plan on the Interop web site.

Keith told the group that there will be a MABAS meeting on October 2 at 7:00 pm at the Minong Village Hall and asked people to attend.

Broadband: At 11:22 discussion was started about PSWB. Tad said he has been discussing Broadband and FirstNet when he does Radio 101/WISCOM training. He also attended a meeting in Denver about FirstNet and they have been doing testing in communities around the country. Tad also is participating in Cross Border and Deployable teleconferences dealing with broadband. Tad also said the dead line for opting in or out of FirstNet would probably be in 2016. Discussion ended at 11:28.

Next meetings: January 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the LCO.

Motion was made to adjourn by Joe Perkins and seconded by Jim Resac. Motion passed.

Council Members present:

Attending	Name	Representing/Agency/Department
Excused	Hnath, James	Ashland County Sheriff
	Joe Belany	Ashland County Fire
	Tank, Dorothy	Ashland County EMS
	Foley, Taylor	Ashland County Alternate
	Resac, Jim	Barron County Fire
	Susienka, Paul	Bayfield County Law
	Hoiby, Jack	Bayfield County Fire
	Roland, Dean	Burnett County Law
	Reynolds, Rhonda	Burnett County Fire
	Burns, Scott	Burnett County Alternate
	Kesler, Keith	Douglas County EMS
	Victorson, Jan	Regional EM
Excused	Stoffel, Jill	Polk County EMS
Excused	Poirer, Kathy	Polk County Alternate
	Roush, Brian	Price County Law
	Perkins, Joe	Price County Fire

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	Kaminski, David	Rusk County Law
	Hall, Tom	Rusk County EMS
	Kruk, John	Sawyer County Alternate
	Dryden, Terrence	Washburn County Law
Excused	Sebens, Jason	Washburn County EMS
Excused	Buck, Carol	Washburn County Alternate
	Matheson, Tad	NW-RIC
	Ladwig, Shannon	Homeland Security Program Planning Specialist