

NW Region SCIP Implementation Council

Meeting Minutes (draft) January 7, 2015

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 September 24, 2014 minutes. A motion was made to approve by Paul Susienka and seconded by Terry Dryden. Motion passed.

No public comment:

County reports on progress on interoperability:

Bayfield: Paul working on a 911 upgrade. Jan working on a Regional Interop plan for ice and water rescue. Bayfield is having some issues with WISCOM and DOT is helping resolve them.

DNR: Don Luebbe is the District Incident Management Operations Section Chief and is here to learn what are council is doing and they want to work together. Don area covers across to Michigan and into Michigan and Minnesota and south down to HWY 8. There are 5 districts in the State.

Ashland: Joe Belany from Ashland Fire said they will be using WISCOM on their Ice Angel. Taylor Foley informed us that Glidden EMS is disbanding. They are working on this issue and Glidden EMS will stay for a couple of more weeks while Glidden tries to find someone to cover their EMS needs. Question was asked about the use of RCALL61. Keith informed the group that RCALL61 is a hailing frequency. Once contact is made dispatch will suggest going to RTAC 64. Taylor said they were having some Roll Call issues and that was resolved by re-booting the system.

Deanne Mullner from North Memorial Air Care out of Siren told us about their new helicopter service. They started November 17 and everything seems to be going well. They have not had any communication problems.

Sawyer County: The State of Wisconsin Interoperability trailer is coming for the Birkebeiner. They are also doing some repeater re-installations in their squads.

Price County: All good,

Burnett: Rhonda said they are still building out towers. They have a tentative agreement with Verizon on one of the sites. Keith made a comment on fiber issues. He said make sure it is dedicated.

Price: Everything is good there.

Washburn: Terry said that they did not hear the Roll Call that was done at 3:00 p.m. the week before. Tad told him that was a volume issue at Douglas County dispatch and that was corrected. Keith said that the star gate consoles need to be re-booted on a regular basis, maybe weekly. Terry asked about using MARC 2 with the Helo's. Keith said you have to be careful using MARC 2 when you use MARC 1. MARC 2 can't be used in Douglas and Bayfield because of Minnesota frequencies.

Randy Books NW-EM: Nothing new to report.

Barron: Nothing to report

Iron: Finished their TICP. They are having some issues on a south repeater. They are working on replacing old repeaters. Working on implementing their 911 system. It may be done by the end of February. They are also working on some addressing issues.

Ben Crowson from DSC: Ben said they have been recertifying Motorola portable radios for WISCOM. There is a list of certified radios on the Wisconsin Interoperability site.

Douglas: Keith said the Communication Center is not up yet for WISCOM but may be by spring. Coast Guard is looking for radio frequencies used by counties bordering the lake which is good but they need to know more about our systems and Keith is trying to do some education with them. Keith went to Texas to visit and train with EF Johnson. It was good training and Keith got to talk to reps from EF Johnson and explain some of the State issues. Keith explained a little bit about the State restructuring their interoperability committees. The SSMG will be

disbanded and another committee will take its place with different members and representation. Keith talked a little bit about the Roll Call test and Tad will be doing the test from his portable. This will probably be a better test because the communication center uses fiber and a portable does not so this will test the system better. Tad will come up with a schedule.

Mission and Vision statement committee: Jan has made some changes in our bylaws with the different statements and taking out OJA and replacing it with DOJ/WEM. Jan explained the changes and there was some discussion. Jan will make changes and forward the draft to the group to be voted on at our next meeting in June.

Special reports: No reports.

Old business:

Tad gave his regional coordinator report: All the TICP's are done. It is time to update about half of the TICP's because they have been done for two years. Another thing we can do now is create an ICS 205 for the region because they are all done. Tad and Keith had a discussion about continuing to do TICP's and Tad thought they were good because they started the conversation about interoperability. Tad continues to add information into CASM as he gets it. Tad will show a video next time about CASM because we are running out of time for this meeting.

WISCOM: Tad reported that there are two new Program Managers, Gene Oldenburg and Josh Ripp, to help with WISCOM issues. If you have a problem call 1-608-2WISCOM to report it and fill out reporting issue form. Also there is information on the interop.wi.gov website about WISCOM and portable radios that are certified for WISCOM. Keith talked about Kenwood radio issues and they seem to be have resolved. Ben said it was thought to be a programming issues and not the radio itself.

New business:

Northwest Regional Coordinator contract renewal: Keith had copies of Tad's contracts for the Interoperability and SLIGP to review. Discussion was held and Jack Hoiby made a motion to approve and Stacy Ofstad seconded it. Motion passed.

Local interoperability training for frequency uses/mutual aid communication planning: Rhonda thought this was a good subject to talk about because they have been having some issues in Burnett County. This is a radio training and incident command training issue. Rhonda was asking if other counties or agencies have been doing some training on these things and if there were any suggestions. Stacy said they are reviewing plans in Iron County because of a tornado they recently had. Rhonda asked if agencies were using 2 radios for command staff and a lot of people said yes. This is a good training issue. Discussion was had about having something planned because of how confusing it is during the first 20 minutes. Don from the DNR talked about what they do with interoperability. Don said he would like to work with agencies. Keith said there is a MABAS radio plan that people can use for planning. Don said he has an ICS205 they use that he can let people look at. Tad will forward Don's info and the MABAS plan to the group. Tad mentioned that the State is doing a statewide SIMCOM training. That might be something for us to do our own SIMCOM for our region. Discussion was had and that maybe we could participate with the DNR fire training.

Broadband: At 11:49 discussion was started about PSWB. Tad said he has been discussing Broadband and FirstNet when he does Radio 101/WISCOM training. Let him know if you want him to come to your county or agency to do some outreach and education on Broadband/FirstNet. Tad said he participated in a State meeting about Broadband/FirstNet in Madison to discuss about the direction the State wants to move in. FirstNet will be consulting with the State in the early summer about FirstNet and some of their concerns. Tad gave an example of some concerns Minnesota had and their concerns were price and coverage. Tad also said the dead line for opting in or out of FirstNet would probably be in 2016. Tad also is participating in Cross Border and Deployable teleconferences dealing with broadband. Discussion ended at 11:55.

Next meetings: June 17, 2015 and November 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the LCO.

Motion was made to adjourn by Joe Perkins and seconded by Jack Hoiby. Motion passed.

Council Members present:

Attending	Name	Representing/Agency/Department
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Excused	Hnath, James	Ashland County Sheriff
	Joe Belany	Ashland County Fire
Excused	Tank, Dorothy	Ashland County EMS
	Foley, Taylor	Ashland County Alternate
	Volk, Todd	Barron County Law
Excused	Clark, Dan	Bayfield County EMS
	Susienka, Paul	Bayfield County Law
	Hoiby, Jack	Bayfield County Fire
	Reynolds, Rhonda	Burnett County Fire
	Walsh, Joe	Burnett County EMS
	Kesler, Keith	Douglas County EMS
Excused	Panger, Steve	Douglas County Fire
	Victorson, Jan	Regional EM
	Ofstad, Stacy	Iron County EMS
Excused	Stoffel, Jill	Polk County EMS
Excused	Poirer, Kathy	Polk County Alternate
	Perkins, Joe	Price County Fire
Excused	Wallace, Jeff	Rusk County Law
Excused	Hall, Tom	Rusk County EMS
	Kornbroke, Brigette	Sawyer County Law
	Schmidt, Mike	Sawyer County Fire
	Sanchez, Pat	Sawyer County Alternate
	Dryden, Terrence	Washburn County Law
	Buck, Carol	Washburn County Alternate
	Books, Randy	NW Regional EM
	Crowson, Ben	DSC Communications
	Matheson, Tad	NW-Regional Coordinator
	Mullner, Deanne	North Memorial Air Care
	Bergstrom, Don	Birchwood Ambulance
	Luebbe, Don	DNR
	Kahn, Roxanne	Price Co EM