

WISCOM SUBCOMMITTEE

APRIL 17, 2019
12:30PM

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
2400 WRIGHT STREET, MADISON, WI
SEOC TRAINING ROOMS A104/A105

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting convened at 12:38 AM.
2. Quorum was not established. 6/15 members present. Present in person: Brad Altman, Darren Chappuies, Keith Kesler, Gary McClelland, Jan Victorson, and Margaret Zieke. Present via Teleconference: None.
3. Minutes from the November 29, 2018 will be reviewed at the next meeting due to lack of quorum.
4. There was no public comment.
5. Old Business
 - A. Daily User Checklist Update - The checklist is still in progress.
 - B. WISCOM System Update
 - New NMS
 - Josh Ripp reported that a software update had been received which would allow two pieces of redundant NMS hardware to be geographically separated at different state patrol posts.
 - Completion in Juneau County
 - The Juneau County licensing was completed and as part of the contract coverage testing will begin soon. After the testing is completed the templates for radio programming will be developed. A redundancy project for a microwave in the county was in discussion status. The only current link is the Reedsburg tower, and with an interstate going through the area a redundant system is needed.
 - Intermittent Repeater issue – 403 Software upgrades for repeaters
 - The Department of Transportation (DOT) is continuing to do maintenance on their sites, and recently released software had been installed. The system software issues with particular vendor radios in the WISCOM system are developing a fix with and anticipated release in July 2019.
 - C. Discussion regarding user fees for WISCOM for private Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agencies
 - The User Agreements for Level 3 and Level 5 were discussed, including what the state and local responsibilities would be, whether local entities could be covered in the same agreement as the county, and decertification or disposition of end of life radios.

6. New Business

A. Naming of WISCOM Talk Groups Discussion

- Ripp attended a meeting on April 19, 2019 with Mayo Clinic to review how talkgroups are named and used in Douglas, Eau Claire and Baron Counties with the goal of having the talkgroup name more accurately reflect the function of that talkgroup.

B. List of Accepted Radios

- The OEC staff is in the process of updating the available list of accepted radios on the OEC Website.

C. HSEMS Talk Group Designation Standard policy

- There have been no further discussions since the last Subcommittee meeting. Ripp had received an inquiry from Marinette County looking for guidance on the procedure in Bayfield County to use RTACS to start EMS communications with dispatch in a wide area.

D. Update on ISSI Connections

- The City of Milwaukee had completed the OASIS connection and anticipated work to begin on the WISCOM ISSI connection. With the Democratic National Convention (DNC) scheduled for the summer of 2020, it is important that any technology conflicts are resolved before that event.

E. Update on Healthcare Coalition Use of WISCOM

- There were 153 hospitals on WISCOM, with a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in each of the seven Hospital Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC) regions. The SMEs had been successful in getting the hospital staff trained in understanding the importance of the WISCOM radios as tools for day to day communication with EMS.

F. Review of Users Information

- Heather Harris-Fatty had created user lists for each of the Wisconsin Emergency Management Regions and was in the process of updating points of contact for those user lists.

G. Other New Business

- Dells Delton Area Response Exercise Series (DDARES) exercise is scheduled for the summer of 2020 and will be utilizing WISCOM. They will exercise the transportation of large numbers of trauma and burn patients to area hospitals.

7. Next Meeting Date was scheduled for May 29, 2019 at Department of Military Affairs.

8. Meeting ended at 1:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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