

Communications Interoperability Steering Committee

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

McFarland, WI

Meeting Summary

Host: Chief Greg Leck – McFarland Police Department and also representing Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Assn.

Meeting called to order shortly after 9:30 AM

Members present and Agenda are attached.

RE: Agenda item II. “OJA and other updates” Mr. Mike Kunesh (OJA - Program Manager for the Homeland Security Grant Program) provided an overview of the program and fielded several questions. He also described procedures for the ISIP’s and filing deadlines. OJA anticipates applications for the radio portion of this year’s grant to be sent out around the end of August....after dissemination of the Federal Engineering study.

He described his expectations of the enhancement of fire and police special teams’ capacity throughout the state; rather than dividing the state into regions OJA intends to take the approach of identifying ‘components’ of various specialties and assembling them as needed for any particular contingency.

Mike also invited anyone with further questions to contact him at the office.

Mr. Gale Sorum (OJA) gave an overview of his presentation at the Governor’s Emergency Management Conference on the P-25 (and other) standards. Gale said he got several good questions and the feedback was positive.

Mr. ‘Duke’ Ellingson (Director – Dane County 9-1-1 Center) agreed to prepare an overview of the Audrey Seiler abduction matter at our next meeting.

Chief Bruce Resnick (Bayside Police Dept.) reported on a Draft Interim Plan for the use of FCC Designated Public Safety Interoperability Channels (copies attached).

Mr. Jim Koleas (OJA) described special communications challenges at events scheduled for this year; the Grant Excursion event (over the July 4th holiday) and the PGA Tour Championship at Whistling Straights Golf Course in Kohler, WI (August 9 – 14). Plans to deal with these challenges are pending. It is noted that several Steering Committee members are participating in one or both of the events.

2.

RE: Agenda item III. "Mission Statement". A draft of a mission statement for the steering committee was distributed in hard copy and by e-mail. Revisions will be finalized at the next meeting.

RE: Agenda item IV. "Standards and the P-25 issue". Mr. Neil Horden of Federal Engineering gave a detailed presentation on the standards issue. A lively discussion followed and we thank Mr. Horden for doing a great job of bringing clarity to a very complex issue. A copy of the power point presentation is available at Fedeng.com or by contacting Jim Koleas at james.koleas@oja.state.wi.us.

RE: Agenda item V. "Lunch" no corrections or deletions were noted.

RE: Agenda item VI. "Federal Engineering Update"

Mr. Peter LaVenia provide updates on Phases I & II program deliverables and asked for any last minute recommendations for changes to the PSMR Information Guide.

RE: Agenda item VII. "Future Meetings": The chair noted that we had reserved April 22nd as an extra meeting date as either a 'teleconference' or 'in-person' meeting. Mr. Corbin (DOT) and a few others suggested as many 'in-person' meetings as practicable for the group to optimize its comfort level with the study deliverables. Mr. Koleas will act on this matter shortly.

May 6, 2004 is the next regularly scheduled meeting in Wausau, WI . OJA will handle arrangements. Anyone needing lodging please contact Ms. Jodi Gorski at OJA at 608-261-6266.

June 3, 2004 in Eau Claire is the following meeting.

RE: Agenda item VIII. "Adjournment": The group was at full consensus on this matter and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

OJA thanks Chief Greg Leck and the McFarland Police Department for hosting the event and providing snacks, coffee and technical support for the event. OJA also thanks the Steering Committee members and OJA staff for their continued service.