

**Wisconsin SIEC Full Council Meeting  
Office of Justice Assistance  
November 17, 2005**

**11:00AM Meeting Begins with a quorum present**

**General Business**

The Council reviews the resource packets they have received and general discussion about the next meeting date takes place. Council agrees to hold off on scheduling the next meeting until after the New Year.

Copies of the SIEC Outreach piece prepared by Marcia Kasieta are distributed to the council for final review. The council gives final approval and members will pick up copies to distribute around the state. A more comprehensive distribution plan will be drawn up at a later date.

A final report was released on the Waukesha Hotel shooting. Interoperability Aspects included the dispersion of county portable radio units to incident supervisors. Despite this, interoperability challenges were still present.

Introductions of those present were done

**Presentation by Paul Wittkamp, Department of Health and Family Services**

Per FCC, SIEC in charge of managing and assigning 700 MHz Channels. Current setup would probably have the SIEC default to the 700 MHz regional subcommittees who would make recommendation for final approval by the SIEC.

If it was necessary to notify of this step to the FCC was unknown

Currently Wisconsin has 154 allocated channels

A Draft Region 45 plan is available for SIEC members at their request. If interested please talk to Paul Wittkamp.

Mr. Wittkamp made the suggestion that his FCC contact was interested in the progress of the SIEC and would be very interested in regular updates. Robbie will make contact with her and give her a progress report of the SIEC.

It will be several years until 700 MHz will be available

## **Presentation by John Verhyen, Department of Transportation**

Mr. Verhyen gave a PowerPoint presentation that addressed the role of WICORTS in the Wisconsin interoperability picture.

The presentation stressed the importance of the SIEC as a public safety entity

WICORTS has recently been awarded 25 thousand to conduct a statewide frequency study. The study is 30-40% completed, the goal is to have it completed by the end of the year.

WICORTS deals primarily with the state agencies, DOC, DNR, DHFS, SP, WEM, DMA, etc. and is an Ad Hoc committee with a lot of input. WICORTS serves more as a forum than a decision making body and defers to the SIEC.

## **Outreach Subcommittee Progress Report**

To date, Outreach subcommittee has held listening sessions, developed a website and a brochure

The next step for the Outreach subcommittee appears to be developing a presentation for local officials on the need for solving the interoperability problem, reasons to support the SIEC etc.

The possibility of a direct mailing for the SIEC brochures was discussed

It was decided making county clerks a part of the marketing strategy would be a good idea.

## **Operations Subcommittee Progress Report**

NIMS has been adopted as the operating standard

Subcommittee has researched States of California and Florida due to their large scale response plans.

The Operations subcommittee expressed a desire for additional support

**2:00PM Meeting adjourned with a next meeting date of January 19, 11-1 being set.**

Meeting date later amended to January 30