

NW Region SCIP Implementation Council

Meeting Minutes (draft)
June 30, 2010

Keith called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. at the LCO Convention Center in Hayward. He asked everyone to sign in on the sheet being passed around. He also explained that only council members could vote and that if you are an alternate that you have to let him know before the meeting starts if you are filling in for a council member for this meeting. Keith asked everyone to introduce themselves, the county they are from, the discipline they are representing, and if they are a voting member today or not.

Keith asked for approval of the May 19th minutes. Terry Dryden motioned to approve and a second was made by Dave Kaminski. Motion carried.

No public comment.

County reports on progress on interoperability: Dryden asked about why the WISCOM system is limiting the power to 50 watts. Dryden said it wouldn't work for them. Keith wasn't aware of the 50 watt power limitation. Tom Tesky from the State Patrol tried to explain the reason that 50 watts was enough to cover the area with the existing towers. Keith also explained the MABAS channels are limited to 10 watts.

Brian Cody asked if anyone was going to have problems going to narrow band. Keith asked if infrastructure concerning towers was going to be a problem for anyone. Bobbi Sichta from Burnett said they are not up to speed yet with their towers. Washburn County still needs mobile units to upgrade but their towers are OK. Darren Vik from Washburn said that only 10% of the county fire radio equipment has been upgraded. He said the reason why was they only applied for a couple of radios when they applied for grants. Burnett County is about 60% ready on their radios in the county for public safety. Douglas County is about 75-80 % but highway and forestry at 10%. Jan Victorson Bayfield County said their county is about 80% across the board. Tony Furyk said Iron County Law is good, fire about 50% over all about 50%. Sawyer is about 80%. Keith asked if anyone is going to have problems with pagers. A number of counties said they will. Jim Resac said that departments have to report to NFIRS to get FEMA grants etc. and many departments were not doing this. Keith mentioned that at the recent workshop in Appleton, about interoperability, OJA said that pagers would not be put on the list of equipment right now. There were people at the meeting that said that pagers were important. Jim Resac mentioned about trying to coordinate switch to narrow banding with neighboring counties.

Special report: none

Old business: Alternate for Chair and Vice Chair. Tad reported that he talked to Jennifer Lord and that we can have an alternate and that posting for meetings can be done over the OJA web site but if counties wanted to post something in their county they could but she didn't think that was necessary. Keith asked how the group would like to appoint an alternate. Discussion about how to do it. Keith asked for a vote if there was a need for an alternate, vote was 13 yes 7 no. More discussion that when we go to state meetings that there be 3 representatives and we only need to have one alternate to cover the Chair and Vice Chair. Jan Victorson was nominated as alternate by Dan Clark. No other nominations. Tom Hall, Rusk motioned for unanimous vote second by Tom Flottum, Barron. Passed.

The by-laws will be changed to cover the alternate language. Keith asked for a vote to send the amended by-laws to the State. Motion by Jan Victorson second by Jim Rigstad to pass the by-laws as changed.

Coordinator contract: Language was sent out to the group. Dorothy Tank asked about the length of the contract ending at end on year. Keith explained the contract reflects the grant length. Motion by Jason Minks, Price second by Tony Furyk, Iron to approve. Motion carried.

CASM report: Tad gave a power point presentation about CASM and its use and entering information. Tad said he will be asking questions of the counties in the future about information to add.

Other Business: Tom Teske, Wisconsin State Patrol talked about interoperability in the State. WISCOM, hoping to get more counties in by end of the year and that State Patrol and DNR will have trucking equipment available. Tom said there has been a lot of planning. Keith mentioned to council members to talk to the people in their county to be sure they are on the same page.

Next meeting: September 15th 10:00 am at LCO.

Adjourn: Motion by Tom Flottum second by Jan Victorson. Passed.

Council Members Present:

Name	Representing/Agency/Department
Hnath, Jim	Ashland County Law
Tank, Dorothy	Ashland County EMS
Flottum, Tom	Barron County EMS
Resac, Jim	Barron County Fire
Clark, Dan	Bayfield County EMS
Hoiby, Jack	Bayfield County Fire
Roland, Dean	Burnett County Law
Howe, Tom	Burnett County Fire
Kesler, Keith	Douglas County EMS
Moe, Gerald	Douglas County Law
Rigstad, Jim	Douglas County Fire
Victorson, Jan	Regional EM

Ofstad, Stacy	Iron County EMS
Furyk, Tony	Iron County Law
Petrusha, Darrell	Iron County Fire
Stoffel, Jill	Polk County EMS
Poirer, Kathy	Polk County Alternate
Minks, Jason	Price County Fire
Kosharek, Brandon	Price County EMS
Gould, Tim	Price County Law
Hall, Tom	Rusk County EMS
Kaminski, David	Rusk County Law
Locke, Jim	Rusk County Fire
Cody, Brian	Sawyer County EMS
Kornbroke, Brigette	Sawyer County Law
Schmidt, Michael	Sawyer County Fire
Lillyroot, Rose	Sawyer County Alternate
Vik, Darren	Washburn County Fire
Dryden, Terry	Washburn County Law
Featherly, Linda	Washburn County EMS
Buck, Carol	Washburn County Alternate

Others in Attendance:

LaPoint, Mike St. Croix Tribe; Reynolds, Rhonda WEM Regional Director; Sichta, Bobbi Burnett County EM;
Tesky, Tom Wisconsin State Patrol; Rassback, Jim Rassback Communication-Eau Claire; Crowson, Ben DSC;
Groom, Bryon Motorola; Bartol, Beth WDNR; Hullinger, Karen WDNR; Buss, BJ Motorola; Davis, Bill Motorola;
Fink, Mike Motorola.