

NW Region SCIP Implementation Council

Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2010

Keith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the LCO Convention Center in Hayward.

Keith asked for approval of the June 30th minutes. Jack Hoiby motioned to approve and a second was made by Bobbi Sichta. Motion carried.

No public comment.

County reports on progress on interoperability: Keith gave a financial report about the grant. We have paid out \$13,376.34 to Tad as coordinator. Our original grant was for \$53,333 so we have a balance of \$39,956.66. The grant was to expire at the end of September but Keith got an extension until the end of the year. The State has been good to work with. There will be grants for interoperability in the future to continue the program. Brian Cody got a call from the DNR about when we are going to narrow banding. Keith said he had got a similar call. Keith said he would like to get committee or group together to plan on what we should do. Tad will present a PowerPoint later during the meeting to help explain narrow banding.

Special report: none

Old business: Keith followed up on a question that Sheriff Dryden had at the last meeting. Dryden asked about why the WISCOM system is limiting the power to 50 watts. Keith wasn't aware of that but he found out it was true. Keith said that was good news and bad news. The good news is that the State is working on a system that works on 50 watts of mobile power so our portables will work better. The bad news is the rural area may have trouble hitting towers. The 50 watt restriction on WISCOM will not affect your current system. MABAS channels may go back to 50 watts also.

CASM report: Tad said he has been taking online classes from San Diego on how to enter information into CASM. Tad said that he received a data base from the State with all the fire agencies, over 850 agencies. Tad had to make corrections in the data base before he could send it to the people in San Diego, Jeff Lee, so they could import into CASM for us. They have also done that already on the police side. Tad said he will be asking questions of the counties in the future about information to add. Tad also went to a TICP (Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan) meeting in Kewaunee, WI to learn how counties put together a TICP. All the counties are supposed to develop their own TICP. Having a lot of information in CASM will be very helpful in developing the TICP. It took Kewaunee a day and a half to put the plan together. There is another coordinator working on putting EMS information in CASM. Tad wasn't sure about the DNR information getting added.

Other Business: Keith talked about narrow banding and that is the #1 goal of the group now. Dryden met with Fire to coordinate narrow banding. He said they have a May-June time frame for switching mutual aid channels. We need to coordinate as a group. Some talk about September – October a good date to switch as a group for narrow banding.

Keith thought he heard that wideband equipment may still be available until 1-1-2013.

Tad gave PowerPoint presentation he got from Gene Oldenberg from the Southeast Regional Interoperability Region. Tad will post the PowerPoint on the web site. Keith thought that agencies could add narrow banding frequencies to their radio license for a reduced rate. Keith suggested we put together a working group for narrow banding. There were 7 volunteers: Brian Cody, Paul Susienka, Beth Bartol, Ben Crowson, Jim Rassbach, Bobbi Sichta, and Randy Books. Tad will send out an e-mail to the group so they know you are on it. Jim Rigstad also made a point that budgeting for narrow banding will be a challenge because of AFG grants not getting here until next October and also budgeting being done now for next year. Towers will be a big expense in Washburn but they are trying to tie them in with cell towers.

New Business: Keith asked if there was anything new on WISCOM. Keith did mention that there is going to be a legislative audit. Jan asked Tad what information he will need from the Counties. Tad said there is a questionnaire being developed to send out to get that information.

Next meeting: December 1, 2010, 10:00 am at LCO.

Adjourn: Motion by Jack Hoiby second by Jan Victorson. Passed.

Council Members Present:

Name	Representing/Agency/Department
Hoffman, Chris	Ashland County Fire
Tank, Dorothy	Ashland County EMS
Books, Randy	Barron County Law
Hoiby, Jack	Bayfield County Fire
Walsh, Joe	Burnett County EMS
Kesler, Keith	Douglas County EMS
Moe, Gerald	Douglas County Law
Rigstad, Jim	Douglas County Fire
Victorson, Jan	Regional EM
Ofstad, Stacy	Iron County EMS
Petrusha, Darrell	Iron County Fire
Stoffel, Jill	Polk County EMS
Poirer, Kathy	Polk County Alternate

Wisconsin
INTERPERABILITY Initiative
Seamless Public Safety Radio Communications

NW Region SCIP
Implementation
Council

September 15, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Minks, Jason	Price County Fire
Kosharek, Brandon	Price County EMS
Hoffman, Bob	Price County Alternate
Rassbach, Jim	Rusk County EMS
Cody, Brian	Sawyer County EMS
Kornbroke, Brigitte	Sawyer County Law
Schmidt, Michael	Sawyer County Fire
Lillyroot, Rose	Sawyer County Alternate
Vik, Darren	Washburn County Fire
Dryden, Terry	Washburn County Law
Buck, Carol	Washburn County Alternate

Others in Attendance:

Sichta, Bobbi Burnett County EM; Crowson, Ben DSC; Bartol, Beth WDNR; Hullinger, Karen WDNR; John Spaffed , St Croix Fire Dept; Eric Crore, LCO Tribe; John Kelto, DNR; BJ Buss, Motorola; Joyce Zifko, BIA Great Lakes Agency-Ashland.