

NW Region SCIP Implementation Council

Meeting Minutes (Draft)
December 1, 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 September 15th minutes. Paul Susienka motioned to approve and a second was made by Jan Victorson. Motion carried.

No public comment.

County reports on progress on interoperability: None

Report from Narrow band committee: Brian Cody got a small group together at 9:00 am before the regular council meeting. Brian thought agencies should be contacted about when they plan on making change. Keith's opinion is that the State wants agencies to make changes by the fall. Council had discussion about time frame and other issues. Brian had handout of radios that meet the P25 standard. Tad said that Jennifer Lord is also working on a list of radios to meet the standard. Agencies purchasing radios with the round 6 grant must meet the new P25 standard. Other topics talked about were; what kind of vocoder needs to be in the radio, the new radios need to be trunking capable, what is companding (only works on analog). There was also discussion about radios talking to each other on narrowband and wideband. It does work but there could be problems, one of them being volume control.

Terry Dryden motioned that the Council make a recommendation that agencies in our region switch to the State required statewide mutual and interoperability channels between September 1-30, 2011 as stated in Policy Statement 4. Second by Jack Hoiby. Motion carried. Tad will work on drafting a letter to be sent out. Brandon Kosharek said that Price County already has a date to go to narrowband of August 1st. Price County has done this because they are in the NEWCOM group.

Special report: none

Old business: Regional coordinator report: Tad said he has still been taking online classes from San Diego on how to enter information into CASM. Tad said that there have been additional agencies and POC's entered since our last meeting, EMS and Hospitals. Having a lot of information in CASM will be very helpful in developing the TICP that counties need to do. Tad has most of the call signs for the counties, but he still needs radio frequencies and radio caches. Tad will be meeting with Regional Hospital group on December 3rd and going to a WI-MN county boarder meeting to discuss radio interoperability on December 7th. Tad ended by giving a brief overview of what the CASM web site looks like.

Other Business: Keith talked about WISCOM. The State should have the system operational to a certain extend by this summer. There will be 10 statewide talk groups, 4-6 regional talk groups and each county could have 2 talk groups. These talk groups would be available for occasional use only at no cost. There are still questions yet to be answered about WISCOM and its use.

New Business: Keith explained that he sent back almost \$20,000 from this year's grant. The reason being we got a later start and didn't have time to spend all the money. Keith said that the new 2009 grant is now available for 2011

for the Regional SCIP Council/Coordinators. He asked if anyone was interested in applying. No one showed any interest. Keith discussed the deliverables in the grant and that we could do them. Motion by Randy Books and second by Jim Resac to keep everything the same for the next grant. Motion carried

There was a discussion about Policy Statement 2, local participation on the council. There are still some counties that are not participating. Our Council has at least 3 members from each county and so far we have had representation from each county at every meeting. Our by-laws have a clause stating that a council member should make more meeting than they miss. There was some discussion about firefighter volunteers making meetings during the day because they work. Our meeting times and location seem to be working. There was no further action taken.

Next meeting: February 16, 2011, 10:00 am at LCO.

Adjourn: Motion by Jack Hoiby second by Jim Resac. Passed.

Council Members Present:

Name	Representing/Agency/Department
Hnath, James	Ashland County Sheriff
Tank, Dorothy	Ashland County EMS
Books, Randy	Barron County Law
Resac, Jim	Barron County Fire
Clark, Dan	Bayfield County EMS
Susienka, Paul	Bayfield County Law
Hoiby, Jack	Bayfield County Fire
Kesler, Keith	Douglas County EMS
Rigstad, Jim	Douglas County Fire
LaGessee, Chuck	Douglas County Alternate
Victorson, Jan	Regional EM
Ofstad, Stacy	Iron County EMS
Stoffel, Jill	Polk County EMS
Poirer, Kathy	Polk County Alternate
Kosharek, Brandon	Price County EMS

Kaminski, David
Hall, Tom

Rusk County Law
Rusk County EMS

Cody, Brian
Schmidt, Mike

Sawyer County EMS
Sawyer County Fire

Dryden, Terrence
Vik, Darren
Buck, Carol

Washburn County Law
Washburn County Fire
Washburn County Alternate

Others in Attendance:

Crowson, Ben DSC; LaPoint, Mike St. Croix Tribe; Reynolds, Rhonda NW Regional EM; Peters, Floyd Superior Police Department; Rassbach, Jim Rassbach Communication; Leif, Dan DSC

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