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**Wisconsin Public Safety Wireless Broadband Workgroup Update
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The Public Safety Wireless Broadband Workgroup (PSWBW) will not meet on Friday, June 13, 2014 and the next meeting will be scheduled date based on action taken by the Interoperability Council.

The Wisconsin Interoperability Council (IC) is scheduled to meet on June 19, 2014. The agenda will include discussion of the Governance Study that was performed by the DHS Office of Emergency Communications. Action taken by the IC may affect the future structure and meeting schedule of the PSWBW.

The planner position funded by the State Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) has been filled by Terek Taillon. His office is located in Dane County Emergency Management. Terek is currently reaching out to all county and tribal emergency managers in the state and will be active in Wisconsin's FirstNet project activities.

Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Tim Pierce has received the FirstNet Consultation Packet. A copy of the document can be found on the website firstnet.gov/consultation. The Interoperability Council will take up discussion of the packet and the state's response at their June 19, 2014 meeting.

The date of Wisconsin's initial consultation meeting has not been set, but is likely to occur in 4Q 2014.

Procurement and contracting information for vendors interested in doing business with FirstNet can be found on the webpage <http://firstnet.gov/about/doing-business-firstnet>.

The FirstNet offices are now located at their new headquarters, located in Reston, VA.

FirstNet now has approximately 90 employees, federal agency detailees, and contractors working in the organization. The hiring process continues for additional positions (see firstnet.gov) and a search firm has been retained to recruit the new General Manager.

Information from the 2014 Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) Conference in Westminster, CO:

- There are currently five band 14 LTE projects in place throughout the nation. Each project has specific focus areas and key learning conditions assigned. While NIST has made a significant investment in the new Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) facility in Boulder, CO., these ongoing projects will greatly enhance the research being conducted in the laboratories.

- FirstNet has employed a National Environmental Protection Act/National Historic Preservation Act expert to conduct assessments and create the reports that will be required by federal rules.
- The PSCR is wiping away discipline silos in their R&D process, looking for commonality among law enforcement, fire, EMS, and other public safety disciplines as they move forward with the project.
- The PSCR is updating the 2004 scenario previously used for R&D to a 2040 scenario, and is encouraging public safety's input into creating realistic scenarios.
- The PSCR is working on Priority, Pre-Emption, and Quality of Service processes for public safety users of the band 14 LTE system.
- Vital to the safety of public safety users and the FirstNet project, the PSCR is conducting significant research on band 14 LTE in-building coverage.
- Research is being conducted on combining LMR and LTE devices into single piece of user equipment. Multiple independent laboratories are working on the project. Some global manufacturers already have devices ready and in use, others will rollout devices in 2015.
- The PSCR has updated the voice quality evaluation tools standard and will begin to test audio quality on LTE user devices as they become available.
- The issue of "local control" was presented at the end of the conference. There was lengthy dialogue following the presentation on what it really means and how it can be practically implemented as the FirstNet system is rolled out. Expect more on this issue as we move forward.

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