Minutes

CRHSAC Inter-Operability Subcommittee

Monday, March 9, 2020 2:10 PM

CMEMSC

361 Holden Street, Holden, MA 01520

Members Present: **Dean Kochanowski**, Fire Chief, Town of Dudley; **Jim Barclay**, EMD, Town of Royalston; **Greg Lynskey,** South Worcester Communications Center; **C. Thomas O’Donnell** Police Chief, West Brookfield; **Kevin Roy**, Fire Chief, City of Fitchburg; **Jeff Wilson**, Fire Chief, Retired, Town of Oxford; **John Ruggiero,** Inter-Op Committee.

Attendees Present: **Nicholas DaDalt**, CMEMSC; **Gary Fleischer**, District Fire Chief, City of Worcester; **Carl Eckman**, **Paul Normandin**, Southbridge Fire Dept; Charlton EMD, **Peter Peloquin**, CMRPC, **Conor McCormack**, CMRPC, **Anthony Senesi**, CMRPC.

Call to Order: Mr. Barclay called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM

Minutes: Meeting minutes of February 4, 2020 were presented for approval. Chief O’Donnell motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Lynskey. All in favor, **motion approved**.

Financial: This portion was set aside until the Full Council meeting.

Chair Report: Mr. Barclay gave the report.

Project Status/Old Business

Completed Projects: None

Project Updates: Mr. McCormack gave the report.

PJ18-9.01-Fire District 8 High Band Repeater System Upgrade (FFY2018):

Mr. McCormack is working with Mr. Monty on the refining the scope and spec list and will send it along to procurement to MAPC once it is ready.

PJ19-10.01 WCSO MCU Radio Upgrades (FFY2019)

The Council is awaiting EOPSS approval on the project.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion: Formation of a Regional Information Center (RIC)

Mr. Barclay stated that Homeland Security Councils are increasingly more important, even with pressure from EOPSS to disband Councils across the state. The WRHSAC created a Western Regional Interoperability Council (RIC), any public service member can be a part of the RIC. The Executive Committee of the Western Regional Interoperability Council is the Inter-Operability Subcommittee under the WRHSAC. If the HSACs are disbanded, the RIC can be in place as a stand-alone entity to replace the Council, if disbanded, for Inter-operability. Mr. Barclay would like the Council to consider forming an Inter-Operability Council for the Central Region. How to move this (RIC) forwarded still needs further discussion and research.

Another possible project to introduce is the LPS-7 radios. Chief Fleischer, District Fire Chief, City of Worcester informed the Council LPS-7 radios are in need of replacement across the Council to be P-25 compliant. Massachusetts State Police and members of District 7 and District 8 discussed having 7 and 8 put on a state-wide system. This would be cost effective for everyone involved. This would make it easier for District 7 and 8 to communicate with each other.

Mr. Barclay informed the Council the Tower Replacement Trailer which was acquired in 2014, is not usable. The trailer is used for the Boston Marathon and large scale events. Mr. Barclay stated this a major communications asset for not only the region, but for the state. The LP-25 radios in the trailer need to be updated as well, the cost will be minimal. Replacement of the trailer should be discussed further. A formal PJ should be drafted to include the usefulness of the trailer during the Boston Marathon, repeater system and the ability to also become a Statewide asset.

New Business Unforeseen by the Chair:

Adjourn: Chief Kochanowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 PM, seconded by Greg Lynskey, motion approved.

Next Meeting: May 5th

Minutes taken and prepared by Anthony Senesi, CMRPC.