

SECC Meeting, July 9, 2015, 0930 Camp Murray

In attendance:

Roy Benevente – EMD

Lowell Kiesow – KPLU

Ted Buehner – NWS Seattle

Clay Freinwald – WSU

Mark Allen – WSAB

Carri Gordon – WSP

On the phone:

Arthur Willets – KWDK

Phil Johnson – CPS Chair

Don White – Tribune

Marlin Jackson – KXLY

Dale Clay – Skagit

Morgan Jaffe – KAOS

Introductions

Minutes from the meeting at KitComm approved as written

FCC Closures – Seattle office is among the closures, unknown when. Portland office will be the point of contact for station closures etc.

FCC new EAS actions – more information distributed via the remailer if there are any more questions. The national code 6 zeros, regarding the need for a national EAS test. Event code table NPT not used enough. There is an Electronic Test Reporting System (ETRS) of which there has been lack of participation. No required to submit to ETRS.

The FCC requirement to have EAS accessible to all within 6 months, not going to happen per Mark Allen, the technology simply does not exist at this point.

Regarding methods to encourage use of EAS and WEA is in the document provided on the remailer (link below).

https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-77A1.docx

Article from RadioWorld sent out via the remailer – discussion about group input from “committee” on EAS actions

<http://eas.radiolists.net/summary-of-fcc-eas-sixth-report-and-order/>

Clays workload MAY ease up some.

Marlin is leaving Spokane to move home (Lewiston). Will still be active in the local group, however is resigning as Chair. For the LECC report – final draft of the plan is out, anticipating approval within the next month. Removed redundancy and linked to existing. Elections for the new Chair will be next week.

Online site updates – tab is there that should be, will be reviewed by Clay and information forwarded to EMD for edit.

Wildfire season – 1000 hour fuel chart (Ted). Drier at the end of June than peak season of August last year. Recommend review EAS event codes related to wildfires. EAS was used heavily in Wenatchee recently.

Broadcasters delaying EAS broadcasts – don't hold. Should be high priority. An example from Tim Schall (on the remailer) is an example of the initial and cancel were quick and overlapping. Fire warnings may be more often so is stressed that they should not be delayed.

Kelsey Black – Tri Cities moved to Boise to be the LECC chair there.

Rob Wilson – new LECC chair North Puget, former fire captain

Several new emergency managers North Sound, Whatcom area, a meeting is being set up for August.

Bill Putney – Clallam and East Jefferson County, setting up stations locally.

Discussion about changing operational areas, no ready now, pending.

Old business:

Grant County shift, Marlin working on it.

Updating Tab 10's, now that Marlin isn't available for the Eastern Washington ones, anyone else available to assist?

Should there be someone handling for each local area? Requesting a local person to handle/assist with technical side update, ideally a broadcast engineer. Contact Clay if available.

Update to Tab 2 – Don White – Sent it to Clay, will resend.

Update to Cable Tab, Jim Dalke – no information.

Consolidate Event Code Tabs – Lowell, pending, will send to Clay.

New SECC Chair – proposed "co-chair" idea/database manager. Clay had no time to work on "job descriptions".

New business:

Technical Committee: - Lowell-update firmware! Keep equipment updated, will send a reminder to broadcasters.

EMD: - Roy-planning for Cascadia exercise. Unknown use of EAS at this point, looking for feedback and suggestions. Can run any message as long as it's a test. Still working with AlertSense, looking for help with national level changes.

WSAB: Mark – 2 finalists interviewed for Marks replacement on August 3rd out of 25 applicants. Expect to start December 1st.

Mark offered to put in WSAB publication the dates and times of SECC meetings to Station Managers.

TV NewsCheck Newsletter company putting on a webinar, Mark will resend the information out on the remailer.

AMBER: Carri – Most recent AMBER alerts have had EXCELLENT audio and content quality from EMD. The new Silver Alert signed into law in June will not use EAS, operationally the same as the existing Endangered Missing Persons Advisory.

NWS: Ted – 10/15 is the Great Shakeout, will also include the monthly test and tsunami test. Also Weather Radio Awareness Month.

Will send a logo to Mark to include in the publication.

Status of Mt. Octopus? Roy- no resources, Ted will follow up and schedule a meeting with Roy etc. al.

Testing: Roland – no information

Cable TV: no information, no attendees

LECC Reports – Phil Johnson – nothing to report

Amateur Radio – Month Simpson, not in attendance, no information.

Next meeting, September 16 0930, Camp Murray

Adjourned, 1130

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