SIEC 10DEC24 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 0900

Roll Call, Welcome and Roundtable

- Meeting called to order by Katy Myers, after confirmation of a quorum.
- Updates were provided by participating members
    - Spencer Bahner spoke about the adjustment of the conversion to a new radio system, which took place about a year and a half ago. A recent windstorm took a large toll on portions of King County, but no radio systems lost operations.
    - Tom Wallace informed the group that the WSP is in the process of replacing all mobile and portable radios. 1400 mobile radios have been deployed, with 84 radios still needing replacement. Deployment of 1400 portable radios will begin on 1FEB25.
    - Anton Damm informed the group that Thurston County switched over to a 700-trunk system, so DNR officers will carry a secondary radio to communicate with other agencies. The long-term goal is to obtain BK multiband radios that can connect to that system.
    - Tim McDowell noted that WSDOT has received requests from various agencies for interoperability and utilizing their system, and that they are continuing efforts.
    - Katy Myers informed the group that APCO NENA's public and governmental affairs group is monitoring the elections and following any pre-filed bills in the legislature.
    - Adam Wasserman let the group know that the elections went smoothly on EMD's end, and the organization is now prepping for the transition to a new administration.
- After reviewing the minutes from the 8OCT24 meeting, the group unanimously approved the minutes.
    - Motion made by David Mendel.
    - Seconded by Anton Damm.

OLD BUSINESS 0919

Update: Letter from SIEC to FCC RE: 4.9GHz

- Jon Lee explained that the letter is still with the Governor's office, awaiting signature.

SIEC Subcommittee Discussion/Update

- Katy Myers reminded the group of the newly formed subcommittees and requested that those interested or know someone who may be interested, please reach out to the State Office. Members do not have to be SIEC members, but if they have someone in mind that could represent their agency, to inform Adam Wasserman or Katy Myers.
    - Technical Subcommittee (previously SAW)
    - Strategic Planning Subcommittee
    - Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee

Legislative Report

- Adam Wasserman reminded the group that there is no requirement to create a legislative report, but it would be in best interest and practice to formulate one. The Strategic Planning Subcommittee would help develop this report.

NEW BUSINESS 0924

2025 Meeting Locations

- The February meeting will be hosted by Chris Welch and the Department of Corrections in Tumwater, WA.
- The April meeting will be hosted by Tom Wallace and WSP.
- The 2025 meetings will be held 0900-1100 on the second Tuesday of every even Month.
- Katy Myers will look into a June meeting location, preferably in Vancouver, WA.

CASM Demonstration Discussion

- Katy Myers brought up CASM (Communications Asset and Survey Mapping Tool), which is meant to help manage assets including individuals and resources that are available to the state. She inquired if the SIEC is interested in utilizing and integrating the product, and if so, would they like to coordinate a demonstration on it.
- David Mendel inquired if CASM is now populated with data that is current and useful to working towards interoperability
    o Bruce Richter (CISA) explained that CISA has subject matter experts on CASM who can instruct other agencies on how to use the program.
    o Adam Wasserman confirmed that a CASM demonstration can be added to the February meeting agenda. After the demonstration, the SIEC can discuss further use of the program.

2025 Discussion Brainstorm (AI + Data Interoperability)

- Katy Myers spoke about AI in the public safety space, and the prevalence of it in creating AI assistance, which leads to a large amount of data, which calls for discussions on data interoperability. The SIEC could have the opportunity to educate each other and aid other agencies that use the technology.
    o Zack Hudgins (WaTech) spoke about the governor's executive order on AI as well as WaTech's work on AI, which includes policy information and data sharing agreements, which are required by the RCW. WaTech is also a part of the Attorney General's AI task force, which has more resources to assist in this discussion. He invited anyone to reach out to him to discuss their agencies efforts.
        ▪ https://watech.wa.gov/privacy-data-protection/government-agency-resources
        ▪ https://watech.wa.gov/artificial-intelligence-resources
    o Anton Damm informed the group that DNR has installed cameras around the state that utilizes Pano.AI technology (http://www.pano.ai/) to recognize wildfire smoke. He mentioned the app WatchDuty, which utilizes AI for similar reasons. https://app.watchduty.org/
        ▪ He inquired if the SIEC should be focused on mobile communications incident response before branching out into forms of AI.
        ▪ Anton sent a link to WildCAD, which is a running log of wildfire incidents.
            • http://www.wildcad.net/WildCADWeb.asp
    o Mike Worden spoke about his organization is utilizing AI to conduct QA on CAD calls, and has found it to be reliable. The AI compares phone audio to the CAD call texts, and identifies questions asked by the PST, information that is gathered, and if it is accurately entered into the CAD call.
        ▪ The next step would be live audio transcription, focusing on PST health and the volume of the more traumatic calls. Additionally, it will make suggestions to PSTs on appropriate questions to ask, or interpretation in foreign language calls.
    o Katy Myers stated that NORCOM is also utilizing the QA portion of AI. High rish event calls are currently being reviewed by AI to ensure completion and correct questions/conduct while on the call.

SWIC UPDATES

- Jon Lee invited the group to participate in the Spectrum Cyclone exercise, a statewide communications exercise that will help prepare for the FIFA World Cup in 2026. It will take place on 14JUL25. Jon will be sending out an email to the group with more details.
- Jon is currently at a conference for the NCSWIC (National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators), and they are currently discussing the ICT (Information Communications Technology, formerly COMMU) branch implementation and the new curriculum surrounding COMML and the Train the Trainer courses.
  - A goal of EMD is to bring the Train the Trainer courses to Washington State, in particular OXCOMM.
  - EMD is going through the CEMNET survey and doing an assessment on the current system, as well as what it will look like in the future.
- The Technical Subcommittee is working towards a statewide MOU for the frequencies that are in use across the state. Jon Lee has met with several regional interoperability committees, including Homeland Security, Region 3.
- Bruce Richter informed the group on the release of the guidance on enhanced visibility and hardening guidance for communications infrastructure. He will email a link, which will be shared with the group.
  - There is a push to notify critical infrastructure owners about the ongoing People's Republic of China's attempt to use critical infrastructure against the USA.
  - Cisco routers have been specifically threatened, and he advises anyone who utilizes them to read the document and be aware of the current threats.

WORLD CUP UPDATES 0947

- Adam Wasserman informed the group that World Cup representatives travelled to Atlanta a few months ago and have not had many updates since.
- John Diaz, the Seattle planning committee security chair, is briefing a house committee today in Olympia.
- Chief Lombard is leading efforts on the tactical side of communications, and more plans will be shared in the beginning of the year, once the legislature goes into session.

CARRIER UPDATES

- Verizon
  - Devin McCoy invited members of the SIEC to the NW Switch to discuss their needs when it comes to carrier support in emergency response.
  - Verizon recently provided support in the recent storms and will report findings from their efforts in that response.
- T-Mobile
  - Josh Bossie and Scott Wood shared slides on the program T Priority, which is T-Mobiles public safety specific 5G network. This will give first responders faster speeds and prioritization/preemption, which has been certified by CISA.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENT 1001

- Adam Wasserman informed the group that Michelle Kohlmann will be moving on from EMD and that this will be her last meeting as the SIEC administrator.

ADJOURNMENT 1003

- Next Meeting 11FEB25
- Department of Corrections (Tumwater, WA)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

- Adam Wasserman (MIL-EMD)
- Sharon Wallace (MIL-EMD)
- Jon Lee (MIL-EMD)
- Michelle Kohlmann (MIL-EMD)
- Katy Myers (APCO/NENA)
- David Mendel (WaTech)
- Zach Hudgins (WaTech)
- Anton Damm (DNR)
- Brandon McKinney (WFC)
- Bruce Richter (CISA)
- Michael Grant (DFW)
- Phil Johnson (DFW)
- Tim McDowell (WSDOT)
- Scott Zeller (WSDOT)
- Tom Wallace (WSP)
- Steven Brown (WSP)
- Richard Huisingh (WSP)
- Marc Biundo (WSP)

- Christopher Welch (DOC)
- Spencer Bahner (City of Seattle)
- Mike Worden (Okanogan County)
- Bill Tensfeld (Whitman County)
- Tom Handy (Whitman County)
- Brad Steiner (ATT)
- Josh Bossie (T-Mobile)
- Gary Giles (T-Mobile)
- Scott Wood (T-Mobile)
- Devan McCoy (Verizon)
- Scott Lemmer (Verizon)
- Shy Aguilar (Verizon)

Minutes prepared by Michelle Kohlmann