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West Virginia Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN)

The WV Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) is a collaborative effort by state, county, and municipal public safety entities to establish and maintain a statewide interoperable radio network for emergency services.

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)

The SIEC was created by Executive Order #2-11 issued by the Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin; Governor of the State of West Virginia on June 16, 2011. Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor. The SIEC shall operate in the public interest and on a not-for-profit basis. The SIEC shall be governed by applicable WV Code, WV Rules, Regulations and Orders, as well as Operational Policies and Procedures. The SIEC shall carry out its responsibilities as defined by Executive Order #2-11. The SIEC will also develop a revised Plan for the operation and implementation of the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN).

Membership

The SIEC shall have the following membership and shall consist of the following members or their designees:

Represented at April 2013 SIEC meetings – X Absent

Statewide Interoperability Coordinator	X	Health and Human Resources Office of Emergency Medical Services	X	WV Homeland Security and Emergency Management	X
WV E-911 Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	WV State Trauma and Emergency Medical System	X	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials	X
WV Parkways Authority	X	WV Emergency Management Council	X	WV House of Delegates	<input type="checkbox"/>
WV State Senate	<input type="checkbox"/>	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	WV State Fire Marshal	<input type="checkbox"/>
WV Sheriff's Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	WV Department of Transportation	X	WV House of Delegates	<input type="checkbox"/>
WV State Police	X	WV National Guard	<input type="checkbox"/>	WV Municipal League	<input type="checkbox"/>
WV County Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	WV Div of Natural Resources Police	X	WV Office of Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at April 2013 SIEC meetings – X Absent

RIC 1	X	RIC 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	RIC 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	RIC 4	X	RIC 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	RIC 6	X
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SIRN Policy & Procedures

- SIRN Policy & Procedures committee is continuing to work on the updates to the 'General Programming Guidelines'.

SIRN Technical Committee

- The SIRN technical committee is continuing work on the procurement of new site frequencies. In addition they are still working on letters of concurrence also known as LOC's.
- There are changes to the programming policy that are in work that the technical committee is working with the policy and procedure committee on.
- The technical committee is in the process of testing hardware from manufactures Thales, Midland, ICOM, Tait, Motorola and Harris for potential new equipment to be available on the WV SIRN system. As new hardware is tested and approved the website will be updated so that the approved equipment list shows the new hardware.
- It was reported that the WV SIRN sites named Cottle Knob, Hodum Mountain, Cleveland Mountain and Twin Falls are operational now.
- **Boy Scout Jamboree**
 - The WVSIRN system has established talkgroups for the Boy Scout Jamboree and talkgroups to be used in the BSA service area.
- **New Pursuit Talkgroups**
 - Newly created "pursuit" talkgroups have been created. There are two sets for use in the northern part of the state and two sets used in the southern part of the state. They are named WV PURSUIT NA, NB and WV PURSUIT SC and SD.
- The SIEC has verified that an issue exists in certain XTL-2500 Motorola Mobile radios.

SIRN Training, Education, and Outreach

- Training, Education, and Outreach discussed the end of manufacturer scenario that pertains to the Motorola XTL and XTS radios and the replacement series APX. End of manufacturer does NOT mean that support for that equipment is ending.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers submitted an application for participation for East Lynn Lake which was approved. The Potomac Valley Transit Authority submitted an application for participation that was denied along with information to help them resubmit correctly and get approved. It was also discussed that Grant County needs to update their participation application.
- There is a land lease signed for the Limestone site. The BTOP project has come to a stand-still due to issues with State Purchasing. The BTOP buildout is to be completed by July 2013.

SIRN Regional Interoperability Committees (RICs)

RIC 1

- RIC #1 is represented by Roy McCallister, RIC 1 chairman.
- Roy McCallister advised that they had to cancel the March meeting because of a conflict involving the Bluestone Dam.
- SIRN 101 training event was held on 18th of April at the Ripley Fire Department. RC Faulk was the instructor.
- Daryl Anderson of Ohio MARCS also gave a presentation and updates on Ohio's system.

RIC 4

- RIC 4 is represented by presented by Roy McCallister, RIC 4 chairman.
- Roy McCallister advised of a March Disaster Drill that had video by Channel 12 news which was shared with Bob Pederson of the OEC who helped with mass distribution

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013 WV SIRN CONFERENCE

The 2013 WV SIRN Conference is set for October 6-8 at Camp Dawson. This year registration and payment will be electronic using the website.

<http://www.sirn.wv.gov/events/pages/event.aspx?eventid=3>

More information coming soon!