



# WEST VIRGINIA SIRN

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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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 the May 14, 2013, Flatwoods, WV, MedCOMM

Present - 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	X	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	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>
WV State Senate	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>	WV State Fire Marshal	X
WV Sheriff's Association	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>	WV Department of Transportation	X	WV State Senate	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>
WV State Police	X	WV National Guard	X	WV Municipal League	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>
WV County Commissioner	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>	WV Div of Natural Resources Police	X	WV Office of Technology	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>

### Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at May 14, 2013

Present - X Absent - ■

RIC 1	X	RIC 2	X	RIC 3	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>	RIC 4	X	RIC 5	X	RIC 6	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">■</span>
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### SIRN Policy & Procedures

- SIRN Policy & Procedures committee is almost finished with the General Programming Guidelines SOP. The SOP should be ready for distribution at the next meeting.

- The pursuit talkgroups SOP is not yet been addressed but is expected to address it at the next meeting.

### **SIRN Technical**

- 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 for some new SIRN sites
- A joint effort between the SIEC and the FBI to utilize NTIA frequencies for Sand Springs and Beaver Valley SIRN sites is being worked up and prepared for the SWIC to approve and sign.
- The technical committee reported on some equipment testing that has been going on. Equipment from Thales, Midland and ICOM are all on-hold from further testing awaiting more work with the manufacturers. The Tait TM9155 has an issue with its scanning feature. The Motorola APX6500 has been approved and added to the Approved Equipment List. Harris Corporation and Harris Unity both have new equipment undergoing testing now for use on the SIRN.
- The new site in Jackson County named Kenna has been turned on and placed on the air.
- The technical committee discussed some issues with Kenwood equipment where the radios will unexpectedly reset themselves, have a loss of signal while sitting in a fixed location and have sensitivity issues compared to Motorola equipment.
- The flash buttons available from Motorola for the XTL, XTS & APX series will also allow newer versions of the firmware from the Motorola website be flashed other than the version 17 firmware that was given to fix the scan issue.
- Members of the technical committee and the SWIC addresses perceived issues from Morgan County. Morgan County wants to install a VHF analog simulcast system due to access problems to North Mountain.
- 911 Talkgroups have been reported to the SIEC as being used for dispatch purposes. This is not what the 911 talkgroups are to be used for. Bobby Hoge will discuss this further with the 911 directors at the 911 Council meeting.
- There is no band plan yet available to programmers to accommodate the NTIA channels. The SIEC does not yet know the exact frequency information.

### **Boy Scout Jamboree**

- The Boy scout Jamboree has requested 64 talkgroups be added to the WV SIRN to support activates in and around the Summit Betchel area.
- The small trunk trailer will be placed at Glen Jean to assist with the jamboree to make a temporary site capacity increase to 12 channels.

### **SIRN Training, Education, and Outreach**

- Region 4 RIC will have an exercise on 15 June 2013 at the Barbour County Fairground.
- Region 4 RIC also conducts a roll-call with each PSAP in their region each month.
- Al Whitaker advised there will be an active shooter event for communications training in Hurricane.
- Chuck Runyon also reported that there was a test involving a Gordo-Box that was successful.

## **SIRN Planning**

- The planning committee reported that there were two application updates for Mercer & Grant Counties to add additional agencies for those umbrella agencies.
- The SCIP needs to be reviewed and changes made and submitted to the SWIC.
- The SIEC has plans to use FBI frequencies for SIRN sites a Glen Jean, Weirton, Sand Springs, Beaver Valley & Elgood.
- There are planning discussions about the possible site purchases for Cave Mountain, South Branch Mountain and Lone Tree.
- The SLIGP grant has been reduced from \$1.151 million to \$1.124 million.

## **SIRN Conference**

- The conference committee reported that they are still assembling the agenda.
- One item that will be different from previous conferences will be a change from a “Play & Display” to end user functionality.
- Other topics include how to use the radio, use the system, talkgroup types & usage and other topics yet to be announced.
- The conference has been confirmed to be 6-8 October 2013 at Camp Dawson.
- Online registration is going to begin in July 2013.

## **SIRN Broadband**

- Broadband Committee chairperson, Pat Chard advised there would be a meeting with FirstNet on 15 & 16 May 2013.
- Also updated on the SLIGP revision process that is currently underway.

## **SIRN Regional Interoperability Committees (RICs)**

### **RIC 1**

- RIC 1 hosted a training class at the Ripley VFD. RC Faulk provided user training on the WV SIRN.
- Daryl Anderson also updated the group on the current status of the Ohio interoperable system

### **RIC 2**

- RIC 2 held a discussion about the pursuit talkgroups.
- RICs 2 & 3 are planning to test the pursuit talkgroups.
- Tom Hart reported that there will be a full scale communications exercise on June 25th and 26th.
- RIC 2 invited John Gorby to join the RIC as a representative for the regional jail.
- Held a discussion about the Weirton tower site & discussed equipment updates.

### **RIC 4**

- RIC 4 advised that they hold monthly SIRN radio checks in their region.
- They are planning a training and exercise weekend on June 15 including a SIRN presentation.

## RIC 5

- Reported Al Whitaker is the new chair and John Zilinski is the Co-Chair.
- The RIC is heavily engaged in the Boy Scout Jamboree as it will encompass 9 counties.
- The Greenbrier Classic communications plan was discussed and distributed.
- RIC 5 also advises of a Road Rally Race in the northern part of Greenbrier County.

## General News

- GE McCabe, the SWIC, will be reaching out to agencies to garner their continued support with the SIEC.
- Dirk Burnside of RIC 4 is attempting to determine who was NPSTC repeaters on the air and where they are located. This information is vitally important if a trunk trailer is deployed in an area where they are being used.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2013 WV SIRN CONFERENCE

- The 2013 WV SIRN Conference is set for October 6-8, 2013 at Camp Dawson.
- October 14, 2013 will be First Net Training.
- This year registration and payment will be electronic using the website.
  - Coming in July!!

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

More information coming soon!