



WEST VIRGINIA SIRN

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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 August 13, 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	■
WV State Senate	■	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency	■	WV State Fire Marshal	X
WV Sheriff's Association	X	WV Department of Transportation	X	Emergency Managers	X
WV State Police	X	WV National Guard	X	WV Municipal League	■
WV County Commissioner	■	WV Div of Natural Resources Police	X	WV Office of Technology	■

Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at August 13, 2013

Present - X Absent - ■

RIC 1	X	RIC 2	X	RIC 3	■	RIC 4	X	RIC 5	X	RIC 6	X
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SIRN Policy & Procedures

- The policy & procedure committee made minor updates to the statewide SOS policy and the MedComm (Medical Command SOP). Discussed with the technical committee the phenomenon of personally owned equipment being added to the SIRN system. A form was developed and finalized to address this issue and is posted to the website. The name of the form is "Personal Subscriber Unit Authorization Form".

SIRN Technical

- The technical committee reported that frequency procurement is ongoing. They are still working on LOC's (letters of concurrence) for some new sites. The FBI is trying to assist the SIRN by providing some frequencies from the NTIA at the Beaver Valley and Sand Springs SIRN sites. It was also reported that the business waiver for West Virginia has been completed and those frequencies have been assigned.
- The technical committee is also testing new hardware for potential use on the SIRN system from Thales, ICOM, Tait and Harris. Always consult the latest available approved hardware list from the SIRN website.
- Just prior to the Boy Scout Jamboree, Kenwood issued a flash update that was tested by the state police and no issues were found. Agencies are encouraged to have their Kenwood radios updated with the firmware flash.
- It was recommended that Motorola radios should receive the most up to date flash that is available from the Motorola website.
- The technical committee in conjunction with the Policy & Procedure committee discussed the issue of personally owned equipment being added to the SIRN system. A form is developed and posted to the website to address the issue.
- Everyone needs to know that the County 911 center talkgroup is **NOT** to be used for day to day dispatch operations.

SIRN Training, Education, and Outreach

- Discussed pending training requests from the West Virginia Hospitals. They were advised to coordinate with the state EMS medical director.
- Discussed the COM-L submission from Rodney Evans. After a review and discussion, it was recommended that approval be given and recommended to the SIEC.

SIRN Planning

- The planning committee received an application for participation from Lawrence County 911 in Ohio.
- Updates were processed on the Lewis-Gilmer and Calhoun County application.
- Discussed the application from the Gilmer County BOE for mission critical status and to be placed under the Gilmer County umbrella application.
- Approved purchase of SIRN sites from the maintenance funds.
 - (a) Beaver Valley
 - (b) Sand Springs
 - (c) Weirton
 - (d) Elgood
 - (e) Mt Storm
 - (f) Cave Mountain
 - (g) Weston
 - (h) Quinwood
 - (i) Lone Tree
 - (j) Thurmond
- Approval of maintenance funds to contract for microwave maintenance support for an additional year. Approval of funds from state maintenance funds for spare parts for SIRN

SIEC provided nominations of State and Local officials to assist in the development of long range planning for public safety broadband and deployment with an understanding of technical issues.

- Discussed that the SLIGP grant was reduced from \$1,151 million to \$1,124 million and additional revisions have been made.

SIRN Conference

- The conference committee made minor changes and updates to the Conference agenda.
- A discussion was held about having a FirstNet workshop or a programming class on the Wednesday following the conference.
- The conference is set for the 6-8 of October at Camp Dawson.
- This year features online registration which is reported to be going well.

SIRN Broadband

- The broadband committee advised some of the members will be attending a FEMA region 3 FirstNet meeting in Charles Town

SIRN Regional Interoperability Committees (RICs)

RIC Chairman include: Roy McCallister, Tom Hart, Jeff Polczynski, Dirk Burnside, Allen Holder, and Al Whitaker

- Meeting held August 13th Flatwoods
- Communications at Jamboree/ Greenbrier Classic/ WV State Fair went well
- Stolen radio report

RIC 1 (Roy McCallister)

(This region includes the following counties: Calhoun, Clay, Jackson, Kanawha, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood)

- Meetings held third Thursdays of each month at the Ripley Vol. Fire Department

RIC 2 (Tom Hart)

(This region includes the following counties: Brooke, Doddridge, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, Tyler, and Wetzel)

- Held Emergency Management Council conference June 11-13, 2013
- Stolen radios

RIC 3 (Jeff Polczynski)

(This region includes the following counties: Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, and Morgan)

- No report.

RIC 4 (Dirk Burnside)

(This region includes the following counties: Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster)

- Third Wednesday of each month

RIC 5 (Al Whitaker)

(This region includes the following counties: Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming)

- No meeting scheduled in July or August due to PGA, Boy Scouts and State Fair
- SIRN system successfully used at Fair and Greenbrier Classic PGA
- Issue with Kenwood 20 series – PTT id
- Boy Scout Jamboree 9 counties Overview communications with buses (Days of Service)

RIC 6 (Allen Holder)

(This region includes the following counties: Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, and Wayne)

- Mine Academy held the last meeting August 7th.
- Cabell Co concern with Rotary site
- September 11th, 2pm -6pm, Wayne Co Open House
- So WV Community College open to hosting a COML course
- Porters Tower site should be up next week

New Business

- Discussion about the concerns and status of the SIRN maintenance and issued relating to parts & funding that impacts 31 sites

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013 WV SIRN CONFERENCE

- The 2013 WV SIRN Conference is set for October 6-8, 2013 at Camp Dawson.
- October 9, 2013 will be First Net Training and Radio Programming Training. TB
- This year registration and payment will be electronic using the website.
 - Use the following link:

[HTTP://WWW.SIRN.WV.GOV/EVENTS/PAGES/EVENT.ASPX?EVENTID=3](http://www.sirn.wv.gov/events/pages/event.aspx?eventid=3)

More information coming soon!