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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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 October 8, 2013, Kingwood, WV, Camp Dawson 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	■
WV Sheriff's Association	X	WV Department of Transportation	X	Emergency Managers	X
WV State Police	X	WV National Guard	■	WV Municipal League	■
WV County Commissioner	■	WV Div of Natural Resources Police	X	WV Office of Technology	X

Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at August 13, 2013 Present - X Absent - ■

RIC 1	X	RIC 2	X	RIC 3	X	RIC 4	X	RIC 5	X	RIC 6	X
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SIRN Conference

- The 2013 SIRN conference was held October 6 – 8 at Camp Dawson
- The government shutdown did not stop the conference thanks to the National Guard and Camp Dawson staff.

SIRN Conference (continued)

- The shutdown did cause some cancellations however we ended up having the same number of attendees and vendors as last year.
- As a result off the government shutdown, we had to cancel one presentation and Lt Col Pat Chard, WVNG gave his presentation remotely.
- In response to previous conference's we repeated breakouts and held more breakouts than lectures.
- The evaluations of the conference were positive the biggest request was to expand the hands on breakouts.
- This year's conference featured "Online Registration" and "MyEventsToGo" a "conference phone app."
 - Both of these features were well received.
- SIRN wants to thank everyone involved in making this year's conference a success.
- Even with the government shutdown, Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications demonstrated their dedication and the importance of the broadband initiative by holding one of their first workshops focused on FirstNet, on Wednesday following the conference. This fulfills one of the State's technical assistance items for this next year.
- Three radio programming classes were held on the Wednesday following the conference.
 - A special thank you to the instructors of the programming classes: Dave Saffel, Jon Cogar, Bill Wood, and Rodney Evans.
 - All classes where well attended