



# 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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 February 11, 2014, 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: black;">█</span>
WV State Senate	<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">█</span>	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency	<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">█</span>	WV State Fire Marshal	X
WV Sheriff's Association	<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">█</span>	WV Department of Transportation	X	Emergency Managers	X
WV State Police	X	WV National Guard	X	WV Municipal League	<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">█</span>
WV County Commissioner	<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">█</span>	WV Div of Natural Resources Police	X	WV Office of Technology	X

### Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at February 11, 2014 Present - X Absent - █

RIC 1	X	RIC 2	X	RIC 3	<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">█</span>	RIC 4	X	RIC 5	X	RIC 6	x
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### SIRN Technical

- The technical committee reported that frequency procurement is ongoing.
- New Sites – Looking for a new frequency for Elgood. Found frequencies for Ware's Ridge
- Site Updates:
  - WVSIRN – Hunting Ground (added 5 channels), Roanoke (add two channels), Coal (added channel)
- Preprogrammed used radios from out of state vendors

- WV SORN needs an inventory of sites – Who owns what and responsible for what?
  - WVDHHR will provide the CD that they have created of inventory
- Microwave frequency protection will cost \$2 per month for frequency. There are currently approximately 4,000 microwave frequencies licensed

### **SORN Planning**

- The planning committee received a Mission Critical Application from Milton Police Department
- The planning committee received Participation Applications from Allegheny, MD, Frederick, VA, and Wayne counties
- SORN will develop Standard Lease Fees for co-location and menu pricing
- SORN is working on a disbursement of fees and revenue from tower leases
- GE McCabe (SWIC) is working on a lease with ATF for Malden Mountain
- SORN has received a confirmation of 3 of the Technical Assistance Workshop we have requested.
- The SIEC/SORN will participate at 911 Council Conference at Lakeview, April 7 -8, 2014.
  - RIC members will be invited to attend.
- Hunting Ground (purchased by Pendleton County) is being installed
- Discussion Held about the concerns and status of the SORN maintenance and issues relating to parts & funding that impacts 31 sites

### **SORN Broadband**

- FirstNet – SLIGP grant
  - NTIA to hold a regional meeting in Atlanta, February 25th and 26<sup>th</sup>. Five people will attend from WV.
- SIEC agreed that Bruce Kinney from DOH, Bill Gallagher, JR Van Ooteghem, and Tim Bailey should be added to Broadband committee.

### **Regional Interoperable Committees (RICs)**

RIC Chairmen – Roy McCallister, Mike Wolfe, Jeff Polczynski, Dirk Burnside, Allen Holder, Rodney Evans

- Regional Interoperable Chairmen Committee elected Dirk Burnside as the new committee chair.

#### **Region-4 (Dirk Burnside)**

- This region includes: Pocahontas, Pendleton, Webster, Randolph, Tucker, Barbour, Upshur, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis
- Pursuing a grant to cover high band repeater in each county. This will also create a backup to SORN.

#### **Region-5 (new chairman Rodney Evans)**

- This region includes: Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming, Raleigh, Summers, Monroe, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Fayette
- Discussed departments and agencies coming onto the system and those that intend to move to Mission Critical in the near future. Specifically talked about were Raleigh County Law Enforcement (Sheriff, Beckley PD) and Beckley FD. They are in the process of finalizing equipment, programming and procedures for a move to the system. Greenbrier County (Fairlea Fire Department, Lewisburg FD, Lewisburg PD) will be working to move some

traffic to the system to try with intent should all go well of making a full move in a few months.

- Discussion was had on best practice pertaining to how agencies are assigned Tactical Channels and which if any are recorded.
- General discussion was held on the use of U-Call/Tac channels to help work as a backup and emergency mutual aid system for agencies
- The use of an ACU-M during a planned Law Enforcement Check Point was discussed. It was successful in extending portable radio coverage into an area with none.
- Planning a workshop for programmers to get together and share best practices on codeplug development, this will not be a beginner class, but will focus on a specific radio series and more advanced programming for already certified programmers. The two requested models to start are the Motorola APX and Kenwood 20-Series.
- Next meeting will be February 13, 10am at Raleigh County 911 Center

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- The 2014 WV SIRM Conference is set for October 5-8, 2014 at Camp Dawson

### **SIEC Meetings for 2014**

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|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| • March 10 and 11    | Flatwoods              | MedComm     |
| • April 7 and 8      | 911 Council Conference | Lakeview    |
| • May 19 and 20      | May 13th election day  | MedComm     |
| • June 9 and 10      | Flatwoods              | MedComm     |
| • July 7 and 8       | Flatwoods              | MedComm     |
| • August 11 and 12   | Flatwoods              | MedComm     |
| • September 8 and 9  | Flatwoods              | MedComm     |
| • October 5, 6, 7, 8 | SIRM Conference        | Camp Dawson |
| • November 17 and 18 | Flatwoods              | MedComm     |
| • December 8 and 9   | Flatwoods              | MedComm     |