



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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 March 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 Office of Technology	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	██████	WV Division of Highways	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		X
Emerg Mgt – SIEC Appoint	X	First Responder Rep – SIEC Appoint	X		

Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at February 11, 2014 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 Technical

- The technical committee reported that frequency procurement is ongoing.
- Site Updates:
 - North Mountain had an antenna replaced on the new tower.
- SIRN is planning on making some technical changes to equipment testing

- ICOM has limited conventional scanning and restricted to fixed list. No user programmable scanning
- Site Updates
 - WVSIRN – North Mt had antenna replacement on new tower
- Site Issues – Need a list of sites requiring repair parts, what parts, costs, etc.
- Tower Lights
- Lightning damage on Malden & Coal Mountain – BRIM claims have been filed. All equipment is back on the air, but some temporarily.

Policies and Procedures

- Updating Participation and Subscriber Unit SOPs
- Paul Bump and Mike Wolfe held two meetings with Faith Boardman from the National Weather Service and representatives from Pittsburgh regarding participating on SIRN
- Continue to work on Pursuit Talkgroups

Planning

- The planning committee received a Participation Application from a. Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital which was approved by the SIEC.
- Tower Sites: Cave Mountain, Quinwood, and Sand Springs are works in progress. The FBI confirmed last frequencies (and forth Freq).
- Elgood – prebid 02/11/2014 needs microwave radios from Elgood to East River and Franklin to Cave Mountain. This will give SIRN an alternative route
- SIRN needs to make decision on Thurmond 400' self-support tower
- Additional SIRN site at Kanawha Airport needs frequencies and approx. \$350,000
 - Paperwork has been signed and been turned into Comsearch for tower registration. We still need power and frequencies
- 53' Trunk trailer for testing in building coverage for a month or two

Conference

- 2014 Conference scheduled for October 5, 6, 7, 8. SIRN has secured Camp Dawson
- We have started Agenda for 2014. We will again use website and events2go for online registration. We have requested seminar topic ideas from SIEC

Broadband

- FirstNet – SLIGP grant
- NTIA to hold a regional meeting in Atlanta, February 25th and 26th
 - Topics to covered:
 - Governance
 - Outreach
 - Planning/Activities
 - Grants Management
- BTOP grant is being wrapped up
- Discussed FirstNet Outreach
- Gale Given in contact with vendors regarding connectivity and will use PA as an example for structure and pricing.

Regional Interoperable Committees (RICs)

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

Region-1 (Roy McCallister)

This region includes: Kanawha, Clay, Putnam, Jackson, Roane, Calhoun, Ritchie, Wirt, Wood, and Pleasant

- (1) Meetings held third Thursdays of each month at the Ripley Vol. Fire Department
- (2) April 24th meeting to be held with RIC 6
- (3) February meeting cancelled due to weather

Region-2 (Mike Wolfe)

This region includes: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler, Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor

- (1) 2 conference calls with National Weather Service, Mike Wolfe and Paul Bump
- (2) Meeting via conference call 2/12/2014
- (3) Working on a test for a Pursuit Policy Exercise
- (4) Next meeting 3/12/2014

Region-3 (Jeff Polczynski)

This region includes: Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Berkeley, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan
RIC3 RIC meeting on quarterly basis

- (1) Last meeting members recommended for positions
 - (a) Local Government- Bob Ford
 - (b) Emergency Management - Bill McIntosh
 - (c) 3 positions open
- (2) Next meeting 3/26/2014

Region-4 (Dirk Burnside)

This region includes: Pocahontas, Pendleton, Webster, Randolph, Tucker, Barbour, Upshur, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis

Third Wednesday of each month

- (1) February meeting cancelled
- (2) 6 – 9 month exercises cycle – next will be full scale exercise
- (3) Dirk has been attending local ETAB meetings answering questions regarding SIRN
- (4) Fire Department association is trying to get county commission to replace Fire with SIRN radios Hoping to develop a plan to implement

Region-5 (Rodney Evans)

This region includes: Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming, Raleigh, Summers, Monroe, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Fayette

- (1) Meeting held February, 2014 Raleigh County 911 Center
- (2) 2 day workshop – regional training guidelines, technical, administrative
 - (a) 4 hour EMT in-service training – radio use
 - (b) Next training March 24 and 25
- (3) Continue to meet once a month

- (4) Every other month meet after RIC meeting for technical issues and policies
- (5) Next meeting 3/13/2014 Hinton, Summers County
- (6) Working on additional radio training

Region-6 (Allen Holder)

This region includes Cabell, Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo,

- (1) Cancelled meeting due to lighting strike at Malden Tower
- (2) Next meeting April 24th meeting to be held with RIC 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SIEC Meetings for 2014

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| • 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 | SIRN Conference | Camp Dawson |
| • November 17 and 18 | Flatwoods | MedComm |
| • December 8 and 9 | Flatwoods | MedComm |