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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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 April 8, 2014, Morgantown, WV - Lakeview Resort in conjunction with the WV E911 Conference. 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	██████
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 Division of Natural Resources	X		X
Emergency Management – SIEC Appoint	X	First Responder Rep – SIEC Appoint	X		

Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at April 8, 2014 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 Technical

- The technical committee reported that frequency procurement is ongoing.
- Site Updates:
 - Waiting for frequencies on Ware's Ridge

- National Guard is testing EF Johnson radios.
- Site Issues
 - Cave Mountain to come on the air in April pending weather.
- Hoping to deliver equipment to Quinwood soon
- Distributed material for the Band Plan 5 programming updates

Policies and Procedures

- The following documents were reviewed and updated by the Policies and Procedures committee. They were presented to the SIEC and approved.
 - SIRN Subscriber Unit Programming SOP
 - Personal Subscriber Unit Authorization
 - SIRN Participation SOP
- National Weather Service discussions are ongoing.
- Pursuit talkgroup development still in progress

Planning

- The planning committee received a Participation Application from Dept. of Revenue State Tax Criminal Investigation Division which was approved by the SIEC.
- SIEC agreed that hospitals will fall under county umbrella agreements.
- Tower Sites: Cave Mountain, Quinwood, and Sand Springs are works in progress. The FBI confirmed last frequencies.
- SIEC approved a motion to buy 2 microwave hops: East River to Elgood and Weirton to Beaver Valley

Conference

- 2014 Conference scheduled for October 5-8, 2014 at 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
- FirstNet working on roadmap for state consultations. Topics to be covered:
 - Governance
 - Outreach
 - Planning/Activities
 - Grants Management

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 in Hamlin

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

Region-4 (Dirk Burnside)

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

Third Wednesday of each month

- (1) 6 – 9 month exercises cycle – next will be full scale exercise

Region-5 (Rodney Evans)

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

- (1) Meeting held March 13, 2014 - Hinton, Summers County
- (2) Conference Workshop recommendation – Programmer/Policy updates workshop
- (3) Working on air-medical communications to consolidate (4 air to ground channels)
 - (a) Healthnet and Air-Evac
- (4) Continue to meet once a month
- (5) Every other month meet after RIC meeting for technical issues and policies
- (6) Next meeting 3/13/2014 Hinton, Summers County
- (7) Working on additional radio training

Region-6 (Allen Holder)

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

- (1) Participation from counties in region is increasing.
- (2) Next meeting April 24th meeting to be held with RIC 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SIEC Meetings for 2014

• 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