



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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 May 20, 2014, Flatwoods, WV – MedComm Center.

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 Division of Natural Resources	X		X
Emergency Management – SIEC Appoint	X	First Responder Rep – SIEC Appoint	X		

Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented at May 20, 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
- Channel ID plan 5 is established with the following parameters:
 - Bandwidth – 12.5
 - Transmit Offset Sign – +
 - Transmit Offset – 9.00
 - Channel Spacing – 6.25
 - Base Frequency – 400.00
- Helicopters need to be authorized to talk on the trunk system.

Policies and Procedures

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

Planning

- The planning committee received a Participation Application to update Hardy County's agencies and approved it.
- SIEC received a grant to complete the Elgood Tower.
- SEIC approved a motion to purchase SIRN radios for Mt Weather site.

Conference

- 2014 Conference scheduled for October 5-8, 2014 at Camp Dawson
- We have started Agenda for 2014. SIRN will again use website and events2go for online registration. We have requested seminar topic ideas from SIEC
- Jimmy Gianato will send a letter inviting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and Joe Thorton to speak.

Broadband

- FirstNet outreach materials have been added to the SIRN website.
- FirstNet working on roadmap for state consultations. Topics to be covered:
 - o Governance
 - o Outreach
 - o Planning/Activities
 - o 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

- Meetings held third Thursdays of each month.
- April 24th meeting held with RIC 6 in Hamlin
- Quantars need to be replaced and need to find supporting funds.
- FBI has discussed creating a regional encryption code with the National Guard
- Next Meeting June 12th at FBI center in Charleston

Region-2 (Mike Wolfe)

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

- Next meeting June 3rd

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

- The April RIC 4 meeting was held April 22nd (Tuesday) 10:00am at Upshur OEM preceding the Region 4 OEM Directors Meeting.

- Radio Repeater Grant not approved
- Monthly radio check still valuable Webster Channel 911 (4) Band Channel 5 information – is on First Responders
- SIRN newsletter on SIRN website
- National Guard is testing EF Johnson
- Reviewed Approved Equipment List and how to utilize
- Cave MT to be turned on soon
- Recommended attendance to SIRN Conference
- 6 – 9 month exercises cycle – next will be full scale exercise
- Dirk Burnside to hold a Programmers Class
- Pocahontas County has minimal coverage and still remains an issue. (13) Lewis county James Gum reported new tower in Weston is stacked
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Region-5 (Rodney Evans)

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

- Meeting held May 8, 2014 by conference call
- PGA tournament first of July
- New Orleans Saints will be holding camp at the Greenbrier
 - Will hold two games
- Friends of Coal Auto Fair in Beckley
- Diabetics Kids Camp
- Two private concerts
- May need to reach out to neighboring counties for channels during this time
- Every other month meet after RIC meeting for technical issues and policies
- Next meeting 6/12/2014 Corp of Engineers, Summersville Dam

Region-6 (Allen Holder)

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

- Meeting April 24th meeting held with RIC 1
- Participation from counties in region is increasing.
- Next meeting TBA planning to meet at the Homeland Security Conference

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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