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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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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		
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:
 - Repaired Daybrook
- Kenwood has new software
- Motorola's current versions are a APX 11.01.01 and CPS 20.01.00.
- Spurious talkgroups created while the system was open are going to be removed from operation. If you notice a talkgroup in your area ceases to operate, you need to contact Paul Bump, Sonny Jordan or Dave Eubank.
- 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

Policies and Procedures

- National Weather Service (NWS) discussions are ongoing. Paul Bump is installing NWS talkgroups and is training the NWS staff.
- Pursuit talkgroup development still in progress and Paul Bump will complete testing of these talkgroups.

Planning

- The planning committee received and approved a Participation Application from IRS Criminal Investigation.
- 2014-2015 Grant Funding status was discussed.
- Lattamus has made a request to utilize the Pennsboro and Glenville BTOP towers.
 - It has been determined that there is room on the towers. Discussions with Lattamus will continue regarding the details of a rate structure and planning.
- LT McCabe received an email from Cabell County regarding Transit Authority talkgroups from Kanawha County to Cabell Utilize the same talkgroup
- Preston County Commission has approved a SIRN site and location

Conference

- 2014 Conference scheduled for October 5-7, 2014 at Camp Dawson
- A full day of Radio Programmer Training will be held at Camp Dawson on October 8th following the conference.
- On-Line registration should be available for participants by the middle of July.
- The Conference Committee discussed and reviewed the conference agenda and added new additional classes and instructors.

Broadband

- FirstNet working on roadmap for state consultations. Topics to be covered:
 - Governance
 - Outreach
 - Planning/Activities
 - Grants Management
- Proposal for City Net to be first commercial carrier on a temporary basis. The test pilot will have 100 megs allocated

- The SIEC will have governance and oversight. As well as, the Policies and Procedures Committees will need to be included.
- Agreements need to be “Subject to change” based on legislation.
- Need to have an allocation formula in advance
- State has priority over any one in the event of state wide disaster. xii) Homeland Security needs to be added to any agreement
- Need to establish policy on connectivity, pricing, etc.
- The SIEC will need to manage or hire a management firm
- Liability questions need answered.

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.
- Next meeting to be held at the FBI center in Charleston on June 12th
- Quantars will be replaced and need supporting funds
- FBI has discussed creating a regional encrypted code with the National Guard

Region-2 (Mike Wolfe)

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

- On-going work with National Weather Service, Mike Wolfe and Paul Bump
- On-going work on a test for a Pursuit Policy Exercise
- Next meeting 8/7/2014 location TBA
- Beaver Valley Tower site range discussed

Region-3 (Jeff Polczynski)

This region includes: Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Berkeley, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan

- RIC3 meetings are held on quarterly basis

Region-4 (Dirk Burnside)

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

- Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Recommended attendance to SIRN Conference to RIC members
- 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.
- Lewis county’s, James Gum reported new tower in Weston is stacked

Region-5 (Rodney Evans)

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

- Next meeting Summersville Corp of Engineers office on June 12th
- Upcoming Events:

- PGA tournament first of July
- New Orleans Saints will be holding camp at the Greenbrier in August
- Friends of Coal Auto Fair in Beckley end of July
- Diabetics Kids Camp
- State Fair of WV in August for 2 weeks
- RIC 5 may need to reach out to neighboring counties for talkgroups during this time
- Every other month will meet after RIC meeting for technical issues and policies

Region-6 (Allen Holder)

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

- Participation from counties in region is increasing.
- Created a Facebook Private Page
- Discussing programmer training in the region
- Allen Holder resigning from RIC and SIEC
- Next meeting TBA

Calendar of Events

- The 2014 WV SIRN Conference is set for October 5-7, 2014 at Camp Dawson
- October 8th - Radio Programmer Training will be held at Camp Dawson

SIEC Meetings for 2014

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| ● 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 |