



# 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)

Executive Order No. 5-14 was signed by Governor Tomblin on July 9, 2014, requesting a Task Force to submit a long term plan to ensure the sustainability of SIRN and to clarify its governance structure, and that Executive Order 2-11 will be continued to the extent it is not contradicted in EO# 5-14.

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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 on July 9, 2014, Flatwoods, WV – MedComm Center. Present – X Absent – ████████

Statewide Interoperability Coordinator	X	WV E-911 Council	X	First Responder Rep – SIEC Appoint	X
WV Homeland Security and Emergency Management	X	Health and Human Resources Office of Emergency Medical Services	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: red;">████████</span>
WV State Senate	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">████████</span>	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">████████</span>	WV State Fire Marshal	X
WV Sheriff's Association	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">████████</span>	WV Division of Highways	X	Emergency Managers	X
WV State Police	X	WV National Guard	X	WV Municipal League	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">████████</span>
WV County Commissioner	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">████████</span>	WV Division of Natural Resources	X	WV Office of Technology	X
Emergency Management – SIEC Appoint	X				

### Regional Interoperability Chairmen

Represented on July 9, 2014, Present - X Absent - ████████

RIC 1	X	RIC 2	X	RIC 3	<span style="background-color: red; color: red;">████████</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.
- Motorola's current versions are APX 11.01.01 and CPS 20.01.00.
- Kenwood's current version KPG-95DNG v8.1
- FCC is cracking down on tower lights
- 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

## **Planning**

- The planning committee reviewed Technical Assistance offerings from the OEC and picked five to submit
- Preston County Commission has approved a SIRN site and location
- 2014-2015 Grant Funding status was discussed.
  - The conference will not receive grant funding
- Elgood Tower is stacked
  - Building, generator pads, mounting is moving forward.
  - SIRN equipment is stored in Mercer County
- Discussed preparing a statewide “Response Plan” for unplanned events
  - Including talkgroup utilization and creating a “Continuity of Operations” plan statewide
- Planning for Task Force to move forward regarding Governor’s office Executive Order 5-14.

## **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.
- Grant monies are no longer available to fund the conference
- SIEC voted on a computer backpack for a giveaway at the conference

## **Broadband**

- Outreach videos discussed and distributed to SIEC members for further outreach to their agencies
  - Jimmy Gianato to meet with Governor next week.
    - Governor’s office has established a POC attorney
    - Need to start gathering information
    - Governance
    - Outreach
    - Metro, rural
    - Barriers

## **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

- Question were compiled and discussed with the Technical Committee of the SIEC
- 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

- June meeting was held at WV Emergency Management Conference
- Exercise to be held August 7th from 9am -12pm with E Team
  - To be held in Tyler County – Statewide

### **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 monthly
  - Recommended attendance to SIRN Conference
  - Continuing monthly radio checks – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month next check will be Braxton 911
  - Pendleton County is beginning 911 center upgrade
  - Gilmer County Law Enforcement is now using SIRN
  - Regional Jail now has 30 portables to use on SIRN with 100 more to come
  - Upshur County received another 50 radios for the Fire Service
  - Tucker County asked about the US Forest Service wanting to share frequencies and needing licensing.

**Region-5 (Rodney Evans)**

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

- 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 (Steve Vititoe)**

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

- Participation from counties in region is increasing.
- Discussing programmer training in the region

**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