



WV SIRN Newsletter

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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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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 November 18, 2014		Flatwoods, WV – MedComm Center		Present – X	Absent – [REDACTED]
WV Homeland Security and Emergency Management	X	Health and Human Resources Office of Emergency Medical Services	[REDACTED]	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials	X
Statewide Interoperability Coordinator	X	WV E-911 Council	X	WV National Guard	X
WV Parkways Authority	X	WV Emergency Management Council	X	WV House of Delegates	[REDACTED]
WV State Senate	[REDACTED]	WV Zone 3 Switch Agency	X	WV State Fire Marshal	X
WV Sheriff's Association	[REDACTED]	WV Division of Highways	X	Emergency Managers	
WV State Police	X	WV Division of Natural Resources	X	WV Municipal League	[REDACTED]
WV County Commissioner	[REDACTED]	Emergency Management – SIEC Appoint	X	WV Office of Technology	X
First Responder Rep – SIEC Appoint	X	Governor's Office	X		

Regional Interoperability Chairmen											
RIC 1	X	RIC 2	X	RIC 3	X	RIC 4	X	RIC 5	X	RIC 6	X

SIRN Technical

- The technical committee reported that frequency procurement is ongoing.
- Currently evaluating the Kenwood NX-5300
- SIRN is about to turn on the Berkley Springs site and the Wood County site has been shipped.
- Motorola's current versions are APX 13.00.01 and CPS 20.01.00.
- Kenwood's current version KPG-95DNG v8.10
- CityNet has requested tower space on Rich Mountain, Wares Ridge, Sharps Knob, and Snowshoe
- SIRN is experiencing interference at the Logan County Control Chanel
- Tower space request from CityNet at Rich Mountain, Wares Ridge, Sharps Knob, and Pocahontas County. The SEIC need to determine viability of request, requirements and standards, and the effects to SIRN
- Reprogramming of radios programmed over time – The SIEC and RIC's need to reach out to users to see that their programming has been updated from time to time.

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Planning

- The Federal Bureau of prisons applied and is recommended to be approved for participation on SIRN. (Motion Passed)

Conference

- Highlights of the 2014 SIRN Conference:
 - 202 attendees – which was an increase from 2013
 - 17 vendors attended
 - October 4-7, 2015 is proposed
 - 86 evaluations were completed
 - Food needs improved. This has been addressed with Camp Dawson
 - Request for the next conference to have two educational tracks. An “Advanced” and a “Beginner” track

Broadband/FirstNet

- Jimmy Gianato has requested a date to meet with Governor to review FirstNet checklist
- Jeremy Zollo from FirstNet presented at the SIRN conference
- A FirstNet survey was distributed at the conference
- Discussed various entities outreach efforts

Old Business

- Motorola to hold a SIRN Life Cycle report after the conference for the SIEC at Camp Dawson
- Waiting for additional information from Motorola

New business

- Reviewing Task Force Report submitted to Governor’s Office in response to Executive Order
 - Discussion points:
 - Governor’s Office will accept recommendations to the report.
 - The SIEC should cover overall governance of SIRN
 - Open discussion of where the SWIC position should fall
 - State Police is the only agency that has stepped up to the plate to manage the SIRN.
 - Consensus SIEC and RIC’s to remain as governance body.
 - Special revenue account should be created and be used totally for SIRN’s maintenance and operations.
 - Emergency Management Council to send letter to Governor
 - SIEC needs to send funding recommendations
 - Recommendation for SWIC to remain the same regardless of agency, and SIEC should cover governance as currently does.
 - Recommendations should be sent to SIEC, Governor’s office, Jimmy Gianato, or the SWIC to be compiled and submitted and the Governor