



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 Said Executive Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.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	X	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials	X
Statewide Interoperability Coordinator	X	WV E-911 Council	X	WV National Guard	[REDACTED]
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	X
WV State Police	X	WV Division of Natural Resources	[REDACTED]	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	[REDACTED]
				RIC 4	X
				RIC 5	X
				RIC 6	X

SIRN Technical

- The technical committee reported that frequency procurement is ongoing.
- SIRN is about to turn on the Berkley Springs site and Mercer County Dispatch is on the air.
- Motorola's current versions are APX 13.00.01 and CPS 20.01.00.
- Kenwood's current version KPG-95DNG v8.10
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding additions to the necessary leases for the system as it relates to ownership, responsibilities, and notes associated with those items.

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Important Technical Information

Channel ID Plan	3	4	5
Bandwidth	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz
Transmit Offset Sign	+	+	+
Transmit Offset MHz	MHz	5 MHz	9 MHz
Channel Spacing	12.5 kHz	6.25 kHz	6.25 kHz
Base Frequency	453.025 MHz	450.000 MHz	400 MHz

- Important Kenwood Programming information:
 - Set to Background Hunt and RSSI CC Hunt
 - BER = 6.5
 - Hunt Start Time (Idle) = 5000
 - Good RSSI = -100
 - LM1 = 6
 - Home RFSS = FE
 - Home Site = FE
 - (FE basically disables the radio from trying to look for a Home RFSS and Home)
 - PTT Release Hunt = unchecked

Conference

- Tentative SIRN Conference Dates
 - September 27 - 30, 2015 is proposed and will be confirmed with Camp Dawson
 - September 25 - 28, 2016 is proposed and will be confirmed with Camp Dawson
 - Sponsor Recognition plaque or certificate is recommended
 - Suggested Monday Night event start earlier than previous conferences

Broadband/FirstNet

- FirstNet Initial Consultation Packet
 - Jimmy Gianato is proposing to submit the FirstNet Initial Consultation Packet on December 9, 2014
 - FirstNet will work with scheduling meeting with WV
- Request from CityNet for use on four towers
 - CityNet wants space on tower and buildings
 - 2 of the towers are under SIRN control
 - 2 towers are under county control
 - Need to set the policy and standards for this type of lease
 - Need fee structure
 - Will we lease space on microwave?
 - Any towers funded by BTOP funds will need approval from NTIA to lease the space
 - Gale Givens to reach out to PA for their fee structure
 - Plan to reach out to other states for their fee structure and SOPs
 - Security issues regarding outside contractors allowed in tower buildings
- Requested reporting of attendees and agendas from RIC meetings

Regional Committees

- **RIC 1 – Roy McCallister (Jim Mangus reporting)**
 - 3 Responses to the EO 5-14 report

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- **RIC 2 – Mike Wolfe**
 - Statewide SOS channel - SIRN success story
 - Bus emergency – SIRN success story
 - Channels up and ready
 - RIC 2 Submitted and emailed that they could not make a recommendation based on the information submitted by the EO 5-14 report

- **RIC 3 - Jeff Polczynski – did not report**

- **RIC 4 - Dirk Burnside**
 - Last meeting cancelled

- **RIC 5 - Rodney Evans**
 - New Members have been announced
 - Planning programmers class
 - Should Programmers be Lifetime Programmers?
 - Required continuing education/in-service?
 - How do we monitor programmers?
 - Will send to Policies and Procedures, Education, and Technical committees

- **RIC 6 - Steve Vititoe**
 - Sent out EO#5-14 by email to members - did not receive any responses

New business

- Jon Cogar's retirement
 - Recommendation from Chuck Runyon that we recognize retiring members with a certificate or plaque for recognition of service to SIRN
 - To take a donation for a plaque
- Continuity of Service
 - Recommend GE McCabe continue as SWIC to the Governor
 - Recommend funding be established to continue GE McCabe as SWIC to the Governor
 - Motion Passed
- Reviewing Task Force Report submitted to Governor's Office in response to Executive Order 5-14
 - Need SIEC recommendations by next meeting
 - Discussion points:
 - Governor will accept recommendations
 - SIEC will support and implement governor's directive
- September 27 – 30, 2015 SIRN Conference Camp Dawson