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Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
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CHAIRMAN
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VICE CHAIRMAN

MINUTES
Wednesday September 22, 2010

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at The Louisiana State Police Headquarters, Conference Room C & D, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brant Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The SIEC roll call was called by Travis Johnson, and a quorum was established.

The following SIEC members were present and absent.

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Brant Mitchell	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)-Office of Interoperability
Mike Gusky	Division of Administration
Capt Allen Dunn	Louisiana National Guard
Chuck Hurst (Proxy for Sheriff Ricky Edwards)	Louisiana Sheriffs Association
Chief Mike Knaps	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Ronald Bourque	Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association
Tommy Thiebaud	Regional Parish Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Directors Committee
Jeya Selvaratnam	Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services
Woody Glover (Proxy for Bill Vincent)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Louisiana Chapter
Frank Jordan	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Ken Hughes	Region 1
Billie Grior	Region 2
Eric Deroche	Region 3
Ken Harlow	Region 5
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion	Region 6
Chief Merrick Tassin	Region 9

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Vacant	Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
Lee Hebert	Region 4
William Edge	Region 7
Gary Peters	Region 8

III. Approval of Minutes

Sonya Wiley-Gremillion made a motion to approve the May 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Ken Hughes seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting.

IV. Chairman's Report

A. Opening remarks

Chairman Brant Mitchell began by welcoming Chief Mike Knapps to the SIEC as the representative for the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

B. HUD CDBG Grant Decision

Chairman Mitchell announced the approval of the HUD Grant of 17 million dollars for infrastructure expansion of LWIN. The grant money will be used for two purposes. First, it will be used for expansion of LWIN's capacity. DPS has submitted a list of recommended sites to expand based on current usage and The Interoperability Staff will provide analysis of future growth based on the User Needs Surveys that were conducted in 2007 and 2009. These assessments will be used to determine where LWIN capacity needs to be expanded. The second part of the grant will be used for redundant connectivity using satellite and microwave backhaul. Chairman Mitchell asked the Technical Subcommittee to make a recommendation of sites that need redundant connectivity based on historical information on sites that have gone down during hurricanes and sites that go down frequently due to lost T-1 connections.

C. FCC D-Block Waiver Request

Chairman Mitchell updated the SIEC on the status of the FCC D-Block waiver request. The FCC sent out a request for comment on the waiver request on September 18, 2010. The request for comment closes on October 18, 2010. Chairman Mitchell expects the FCC to respond to the waiver request within two months of the closing of the comment period.

D. Citizen's Early Alert System RFP

Chairman Mitchell gave an update on the Citizen's Early Alert System RFP. The vendor selection for the Citizen's early Alert System RFP has been protested by one of the vendors that was not selected. Chairman Mitchell hopes that this protest will not hold up the contract for very long.

E. RDBS RFP

The RDBS bids will be opened within the next week or two, and a vendor will be selected for the contract by an evaluation committee that will consist of state and local first responders, as well higher education officials

F. Region 8 Communications Training Event

The Region 8 Communications Training and Exercise Event will take place in Monroe October 18 – 22, 2010. The region 2 Communications Training and Exercise Event will take place at the end of the year.

G. New Region 8 RIC Chairman

Region 8 has selected Butch Beckham to chair the Region 8 Regional Interoperability Committee.

H. Subscriber Unit Training

The Office of interoperability is working with Motorola and EF Johnson to provide tailored subscriber unit training Subscriber training presentations that will be made available to all LWIN user agencies. This fits into a three level training program. Level one will be the subscriber unit training, level two will be technician training, and level three will be COML training.

I. Gulf WIN

Chairman Mitchell gave an update on the status of Gulf WIN. Chairman Mitchell is working with Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama to put a governance structure in place over Gulf WIN. Chairman Mitchell is also working with Arkansas to add AWIN to Gulf WIN.

J. Mobile Tower Repairs

Jeya Selvaratnam reorted that repairs are being made to the trailers that were damaged while deployed in response to the BP Oil Spill.

K. Suitcase Repeater Site

The Office of Interoperability is working with Motorola to create a portable repeater site housed in pelican style transit cases.

L. Intrinsically Safe Radios

Chairman Mitchell briefed the SIEC on proposed changes in the requirements for a radio to be considered intrinsically safe.

M. Inter-State Coordination

The Office of Interoperability has recently been involved in a number of meetings and conferences with other states.

N. Hazard Mitigation Geospatial Project

Chairman Mitchell briefed the SIEC on phases 1 and 2 of the geospatial imaging project.

V. Statewide System Maintenance

Terry Waggenpack provided an update on Infrastructure, system statistics, subscriber statistics, and system coverage. Mr. Waggenpack's report is attached as Appendix C.

VI. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Technical Sub-Committee

Technical Sub-Committee Chairman Eric Deroche presented information on the capacity expansion project and the system upgrade from 7.7 to 7.9.

B. Policy and Planning Sub-Committee

Chairman Mitchell reported that the committee is drafting a prioritization policy that will be presented at a future meeting.

C. Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

No Report.

VII. Old Business

No report.

VIII. New Business

- A. Benjamin Bourgoyne briefed the SIEC on the new Motorola end user subscriber radio training program.
- B. Travis Johnson briefed the SIEC on the EF Johnson end user subscriber radio training.
- C. Chief Gerard Tarleton from the St George Fire department reported on problems that they have had since they switched onto LWIN.

IX. Public Comments

No public comments

X. Adjournment

Thommy Thiebaud made a motion to adjourn. Chief Mike Knaps seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn.

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	Name	Organization
1.	TRAVIS JOHNSON	GOHSEP
2.	Woody Glover	ST Tammany Comm Dist
3.	Jack Varnado	" "
4.	Richard SILVERMAN	DEQ
5.	Kenneth Harlow	Region 5
6.	Ralph Ladnier	EBR PARISH
7.	Tommy McRae	DPS/RM
8.	Tom Frieb	" "
9.	PAVI	DPS/RM
10.	Mikah Cochet	LSU PD
11.	Jan Rodrigue	DOC
12.	Ronald Schaling Kamp	La Comm Law Enfc
13.	Mike Knaps	LACP (Baker P.D.)
14.	RANDALL DUNAWAY	BAKER PD
15.	Robert Fox	CITY OF WESTLAKES F.D.
16.	John Chygn	BAKER F.D.
17.	Ronald Boerger	DEWIBERIA FIRE
18.	Chuck Hurst	LSA
19.	David Luker	EBR Sheriff
20.	MIKE MURPHY	ESACPI
21.	Frank Jordan	Louisiana Amb Alliance
22.	MIKE GUSKY	DOA/OIT
23.	MERRICK T9994	ROGROD ?