

South Dakota Public Safety Communication Council

Meeting Minutes

8-26-2011

Meeting was called to order at 0900 by Chairman Matt Tooley. Roll call of members as follows:

Steve Christensen-present
Dave Ackerman-present
Andy Alban-present
Greg Fuller-present
Dayton Myers-present
Brad Steifvater-present
Dennis Gorton-absent
Rebekah Craddock-present
Ryan Mechaley-present
Matt Tooley-present
JD Geigle-present
Ken Wesche-absent
Bob Wilcox-present
Rick LaBrie-Bill Chalcraft proxy
Larry Jandreau-present
Bob Fisher-absent
Jeff Pierce-present

Quorum is met for attending membership.

Additional Agenda Items- None submitted

Approval of March 2011 meeting minutes:

Motion- Christensen

Second- Myers

Unanimous vote to approve prior meeting minutes.

Old Business

1. 2012/2013 Budget

Pierce went over the current budget status, currently with 92% of budget year left, total budget is on track with time left. Discussed payment for upgrade of radio system, \$1,000,000 appropriated this year for down-payment, after will be payments of \$834,324 for 7 years.

2. Grant Status

Discussed diminishing DHS grant funding. South Dakota can expect up to a 50% decrease in funding from Homeland Security next year.

3. System Updates/System Status

Pierce covered basic system traffic. Todd Dravland of State Radio/ Bureau of Information & Telecommunications covered the following:

- Crandall-new building
 - Mitchell-new footings for building, move building out of swamp
 - Desmet-tower painting
 - Miller-tower painting
 - Discussed painting vs. adding strobe lighting, still cheaper to paint
 - Yankton-working on new site for the city area
 - Sioux Falls-VA working on water tower, site antennas moved to a temporary structure
 - Black Hills-improving coverage with better antennas
 - Madison-adding a repeater to that site
 - River flooding-radios were used extensively during flooding response
 - Currently 22,567 system ID's issued, 20,806 radios, the balance consoles. This was followed by a discussion on the need to get a good inventory of radio numbers for the upgrade.
 - Sturgis-radio traffic on sites increases during rally
 - Motorola-discussed issues encountered with the XTL2500 radios
 - Pine Ridge-new tower being installed that has potential for system use
4. SCIP Update
Pierce-need to get annual updates completed, currently finished with NECP Goal 2 capabilities survey, we need to complete the response section. Waiting on OEM to deliver info from exercises.
 5. 700 MHz Status
Dravland-no updates at this time.
 6. Narrowband Status
The council had a significant discussion on narrowbanding progress. Tooley, Pierce, Steifvater, Mechaley, Sioux Falls 2-Way, EF Johnson all contributed to the discussion, still a significant ways to go until all are completed. Council will continue to promote users to become compliant.

New Business

1. National Interoperability Coordinator Meeting
Pierce covered topics covered in the May meeting, including narrowbanding, the national broadband system, grants.
2. Website Review
Pierce requested member review of SDPSCC website. Pierce was requested to add a counter to the website to track traffic into the site.
3. Office of Emergency Communications
Dan Hawkins from the DHS Office of Emergency Communications addressed the group on technical assistance offerings and his take on the national broadband plan.

4. 10-33 (emergency) traffic and use of Interagency talkgroups
Mechaley addressed the groups and outlined problems with use of the Interagency talkgroup for routine dispatch. Recent emergency situations have been interrupted by non-essential chatter on the IA talkgroups. State Radio is going to put marker tones when emergencies are in progress to alert folks to stay off the channel. Mechaley is going to draft a correspondence to go back out to the different disciplines that use the talkgroup. Mechaley made the motion to have Mechaley draft the correspondence, Ackerman 2nd. Unanimous vote.
5. Motorola upgrade timeline
Pierce covered the P25 network upgrade timeline, system still expected to be on-line by the end of December 2011.
6. Subcommittee report on template and project planning
Tooley covered the progress of the subcommittee to date. Some discussion centered on the non-direct connected dispatch centers & we may have to modify to some degree. Marlene Haines the PSAP director for Davison County contributed to the discussion. Next step is to have State Radio tech Jerry Gabert put the plan into a spreadsheet form for review. Group had a follow-up discussion on use of National Law channel.

Organizational Reports

- Police Chiefs-Steve Christensen – none
- Sheriff's Association-Dave Ackerman -- none
- GFP-Andy Alban – none
- DOT-Greg Fuller – none
- National Guard-Dayton Myers – none
- Emergency Managers-Brad Steifvater – none
- Healthcare Organizations-Rebekah Craddock – Working with Rural Health for training. Discussed SIMS Center and mobile training unit, also the 12-Lead program. Discussed integrating radio training into the different training programs.
- DPS-Ryan Mechaley – none
- APCO/NENA-Matt Tooley – none
- EMT's-JD Geigle – West River ambulances have had radios switched out & have had many issues with programming and operation.
- County Commissioners-Bob Wilcox – none
- DOH-Bill Chalcraft – 90% of DOH radios narrowbanded by end of year. The Health Alert Network and associated radio tests are showing a dramatic improvement in the ability of responders to use radios.
- Tribal-Larry Jandreau – none
- BIT-Jeff Pierce – none

Next Meeting Date

Discussed week of December 12-16 for next meeting. Brown County/Aberdeen had volunteered to host, Tooley will contact to set up.

Motion to adjourn-Ackerman, Second Mechaley