

**Public Safety Communications Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday December 13, 2012**  
**Pierre, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Tooley

Roll Call of Members – Mandee Brinkman

Additional Items: none

Minutes from September 2012 meeting Approved – Dave Ackerman Motioned, Ryan Mechaley Second, Motion Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Budget 2013/2014**

- If federal sequester (cliff) goes into place, estimates of \$29m will impact the state.
- Still not sure of drought impact on budget.
- \$16m+ undesignated this year to cover contingencies, \$10m+ in FY2014.
- Working on service agreements for both updated infrastructure and NICE recorders, right now looking at around \$115k/year, so will lose some of our flexibility to do projects at end of year, but need to see what the additional funding for towers will do for our budget. If need be, will request for FY15.

**2. Grant Status**

- DHS grants merged into the National Preparedness Grant Program
- DPS is reallocating unspent 09 funding, might be able to leverage some site equipment.

DHS 2012 grants total \$2,335,889

Note excerpt from Senior Advisory Committee:

Jeff P. discussed State Radio system needs and provided some handouts as well as the newly printed State Field Operators Guide. There are 22,000 state radio users. The system needs to build some additional towers to fill in some gaps; towers cost \$250,000-300,000 each. The South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council website has meeting notes and other information about the state radio system: <http://www.sdpscc.sd.gov/>.

**3. Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates**

**Site/System updates:**

- Miller genset replaced, propane connected, and startup completed and certified. It is online and operational. Unit is a 15 KW Kohler, propane fired, inside mounted.

- Ree Heights to Miller microwave link, antenna raised at Ree Heights for a more solid path, has increased receive RSSI at Miller by 1 volt DC, and lowered errors and upset of site. We will be data logging the RSSI voltage, logger on order for \$75.00.
- Dan has done 25 HP installs, along with F&T, and DCI. DOT radios programmed and installed in vehicles by DOT technicians. DOT shop radios installed.
- Replaced tower lights at Iona, and other sites.
- VA site water tank re-painting completed, and our antennas and feedlines replaced.
- Additional site licensing due to narrowbanding done or in progress, SDSU, Redfield.

**Upcoming System work:**

- Continue work on Federal Forestry analog audio levels.
- Move Ridgeview genset inside for increased reliability.
- Becker-Hansen equipment removal.
- General site maintenance at tower sites, buildings and grounds.

**System Stats:**

- Radio ID's in System, September 2012 – 24,571, December 12, 2012 – 25,016.
- Talkgroups in System, September 2012 – 1,460, December 12, 2012 – 1,460.

**4. SCIP Update**

- Broadband inclusion
- Annual SCIP Implementation Report submitted to OEC
- Working on utilizing a new format to reduce size of SCIP
- NECP goals no longer a factor?

**5. 700mhz Plan Update**

- No updates at this time, efforts have been concentrated on narrowbanding, licensing, etc.

**6. Narrowband Progress in State**

- Predictions of 20-35% non-compliance nationwide.
- Enforcement will be a complaint-driven process, most likely triggered by new narrowband licensee's.
- Some agencies have relicensed, but still operating wideband, that will probably shake out quickly.
- New coordination can start February 2, 2013, all will be considered as narrowband at that time.
- Less likely as the month goes on that new applications will be processed by FCC in time.

## **7. Communications Field Operating Guide**

- CFOG's delivered Regional EM's are picking up.
- Additional funding available if we need more.
- Available as a Word document if you want to personalize.
- Everyone likes the final product.

## **8. Train the Trainer Program**

- Jeff P. redid the whole curriculum after being told it was too technical. Hope to get going before the next meeting.
- [http://www.sdpscc.sd.gov/documents/RadioTrainer5\\_000.pdf](http://www.sdpscc.sd.gov/documents/RadioTrainer5_000.pdf)

## **9. National Public Safety Broadband System Overview (NPSBN)**

- FirstNet board had first meeting in September, since has added a PSAC committee and working on others
- A proposed architecture was forwarded, with multi-layers redundancy
- Core network could begin within the next two years. The RAN (radio access network) several years later
- The Implementation Grant program is scheduled to release grant guidance 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013
- Need to consider Council subcommittee, who, when, etc. by 2013
- Ryan Mechaley made a motion to table till next meeting to be able to do more research to create a subcommittee. Council members should check with their groups to see if they have any potential candidates. Dave Ackerman Second. Motion carried.

## **10. OEC Updates**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Available/Applied for DHS TA Courses**

- Jeff P. will find out how the application process works.
- Brad Steifvater motioned to make sure the IMAT teams have access to attend the COML course. Bob Fischer second. Motion carried.

#### **2. P25 Pricing Comparisons/Discussion**

- Dave Ackerman made a motion to continue upgrading and adding sites to cover underserved areas and to move towards locking in a date for P25 conversion. Jody Frye second. Motion carried.

#### **3. Legislative Issues/Concerns**

- Jeff P. states should be pretty tame legislation. Shouldn't have any effect on this group. No budget concerns. Biggest concern is the fiscal cliff.

#### **4. Mediating Narrowband Issues in South Dakota**

**5. Other – Annual Interoperability Report**

- Jeff P. distributed a rough draft of the Interoperability Report.
- Greg Fuller motioned to approve the rough draft and make available to groups and to also give out our website link along with. Dave Ackerman second. Motion carried.

**6. Next Meeting**

- a) The council is looking at having the next meeting late March or early April. It will be held in Pierre again.

Brad Steifvater motioned to adjourn; Bob Fischer second; motion carried.