

**Public Safety Communications Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday March 13, 2013**  
**Pierre, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Tooley

Roll Call of Members – Matt Tooley

Additional Items: none

Minutes from December 2012 meeting Approved – Bob Fischer Motioned, Andy Alban Second, Motion Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Budget 2013/2014**

- Still unsure of sequester impact on operations.
- Still not sure of drought impact on budget.
- 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
- No major changes in operating budget.
- Trying to figure out \$321k grant match.

**2. Grant Status**

- DHS grants merged into the National Preparedness Grant Program
- DPS is reallocating about \$200k to McPherson site, still about \$50k short.

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:**

- Site is up at Pine Ridge.
- Pennington County Simulcast: Sites nearing completion for the simulcast upgrade in Rapid City.

### **Upcoming System work:**

- Continue removal of equipment from Becker-Hansen Master Site.
- Finish building doors at Miller tower site.
- Continue general maintenance and tower maintenance at radio tower sites.
- Continue work on site coverage improvements.
- Complete console audio tests with Federal Wildland Fire dispatch.
- Miller T1 microwave path move up dish on Ree Heights end (completed, made a big difference in uptime %).
- Multiple tower site work, per list.
- Continue to place outside gensets indoors.

#### **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 1, 2013, all will be considered as narrowband at that 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.

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

- [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)**

- Denny Gorton motioned to have Jeff Pierce submit the application. David Goodwin second. Motion carried.

#### **10. Other**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. OEC Update**
- 2. P25 Migration Discussion**
- 3. Broadband Grant Application Approval**
  - SLIGP regional training before May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. Broadband Subcommittee**
  - Administration
  - PSCC members oversee?
  - Regional contractor concept
  - First Responder representation
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Responder representation
  - Vendor representation
  - Budget, travel, contractors expense, etc.
- 5. Legislative issues/concerns – Open Meetings**
  - Jeff P. wanted to give the committee a heads up on this topic. Might become an issue in the near future.
- 6. Encryption Standards for South Dakota**
  - After much discussion Bob Fischer motioned to table this item until the next meeting. David Goodwin second. Motion carried.
- 7. COML Course**
  - July timeframe in Pierre
  - Teresa Tople is the coordinator for this
- 8. Nomination/Election of Officers**
  - JD Geigle motioned to keep the officers as is. Denny Gorton second. Motion carried.
- 9. Other**
- 10. Next Meeting**
  - The committee discussed having the next meeting in Pierre sometime in June. Exact details will be determined.

Bob Fischer motioned to adjourn; Andy Alban second; motion carried.