

**Public Safety Communications Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday September 26, 2012**  
**Pierre, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Tooley

Roll Call of Members – Mande Brinkman

Additional Items: CFOG

Minutes from June 2012 meeting Approved – Dayton Myers Motioned, Denny Gorton Second, Motion Carried

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Budget 2013/2014**

- The \$165,000 set aside for SRC/PBS tower work is being used for professional inspections, all towers inspected, long list of to-do's for the sites
- FY14 proposed budget is much the same as the FY13. Not expecting anything to be challenged at this point.
- If approved through BFM, final budget request to legislature should mirror last year's request.
- 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
- DHS 2012 grants total \$2,335,889
- Threat Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA), process we use for fund prioritization.
- Planning & exercise off the top 5%
- Regional Review Committee (including tribal)
- Current "Operational Communications" includes Narrowband
- Required: Planning, Public Information & Awareness, Intelligence & Info Sharing

**3. Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates**

- **Site updates:**  
Replaced IR#3 receive frequency at Bear Mountain due to interference from Wyoming system.

Replaced beacons and sidelights at Enning and Vivian towers with new LED high efficiency devices  
Replaced generator at Miller  
Many updates of radios, programming, and installations in HP, DCI, and F&T vehicles  
Installed conventional repeater and antenna/feed line for Hells Angels run at Spearfish for law enforcement, did not use repeater.  
Installation of 2 mobile radios in HP command bus for use at Hells Angels run and Sturgis rally.  
Installation of new base DOT radios at DOT shops, including external speaker connections.  
Tower inspections done by SF tower specialists on many SRC and PBS towers, reviewing for work needed.  
Inspected and completed 404 state radio licenses to add the Narrowband Designator (11K0F3E) as needed.  
Installed PBS translator antennas for transmit and receive on Pierre Mickelson tower.  
Finished Narrowbanding 400+ SD state Pen UHF portables week of Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

**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  
Multiple tower site work, per list  
Continue to place outside gensets indoors  
Finish up Narrowbanding programming at GFP and Pen sites

**4. SCIP Update**

- Broadband inclusion
- Updated info
- NECP goals no longer a factor?

**5. 700mhz Plan Update**

- No updates at this time

**6. Narrowband Progress in State**

- Continuing to make progress

**7. Train the Trainer Program**

- Jeff and Todd are working on
- Some of the feedback was some people think it's too technical

## **8. OEC Updates**

- Dan Hawkins is not here to give a real update.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. P25 Timeline Revisited**

- Current timeline for full conversion to P25 was set to 2017
- Timeline was dependent upon static levels of DHS funding, has dropped around 90% since 2004
- We had planned to request \$100k+ for P25 licenses and replacement radios/year
- SRC does plan to start a migration to the new base/repeaters that can accommodate both systems
- Bob Fischer motioned to wait until the December meeting to make a P25 timeline decision. Denny Gorton second. Motion carried.
- There was a motion to ask the Homeland Security Communications Group for funding to cover additional coverage. J.D. Geigle second. Motion carried.

#### **2. National Public Safety Broadband Network**

#### **3. Other**

#### **4. Next Meeting**

- a) The council is looking at having the next meeting in December. It will be held in Pierre again.

Dave Ackerman motioned to adjourn; Bob Fischer second; motion carried.