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Honorable Bobby Jindal
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Dear Governor Jindal:

On behalf of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), it is my pleasure to provide this report on the status of interoperable communications for first responders in the State of Louisiana.

LWIN Status

- Current Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) statewide coverage is 95% or better for portable on-street coverage, and 95% or better in building coverage in the nine (9) metropolitan areas of the State as defined in our Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).
- Current composition of LWIN sites:
 - 126 active tower sites
 - 4 mobile tower sites
 - 2 mobile repeater sites
 - 4 mobile satellite dishes
 - 6 generators on wheels
 - LWIN Sites are controlled by four master sites
 - Master Site One in Baton Rouge
 - Master Site Two in New Orleans
 - Master Site Three in Alexandria
 - Master Site Four in Baton Rouge
- Subscriber Radios
 - From January 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015, LWIN has seen an increase from 76,805 subscriber units to 78,733.
 - LWIN remains the largest Statewide Radio System in the nation.
 - The monthly average of Push-to-Talk (PTT) transmissions has increased from 11,585,229 to 12,500,553.

State Funded System Maintenance

The Department of Public Safety continues to provide for and administers the annual maintenance budget for LWIN through the Riverboat Gaming Fund. This State funding of LWIN allows the radio system to function without charging any subscriber fees, a leading reason for local agency adoption of LWIN. The LWIN System maintenance costs are expected to increase up by 60% as more sites' original warranties expire and system software upgrades are needed.

SIEC Accomplishments

Meetings and Events

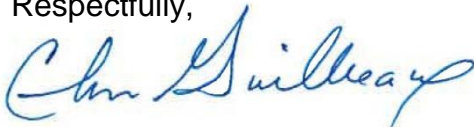
During the time period of January 1, 2015 - June 30, 2015, the SIEC held 2 meetings. Major topics covered included:

- Site Additions/ Moves: Anacoco – Vernon Parish, Oberlin - Allen Parish (in-progress), Enterprise - Catahoula Parish (in-progress), Holoway - Rapides Parish.
- Channel Expansion: Alexandria to 12 channels (+6)
- Coverage enhancements: Hammond

LTE/ Public Safety Broadband

As part of the effort to prepare for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) the SIEC, through its Broadband Subcommittee, has been working closely with the Louisiana FirstNet staff as they fulfil the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) requirements. Outreach and data collection activities are the two main initiatives of the Louisiana FirstNet staff. The Louisiana FirstNet initial consultation meeting was held in May where representatives from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) FirstNet met with over 100 Louisiana public safety agencies to discuss the next steps in preparation for the NPSBN. These efforts will help inform FirstNet of Louisiana's first responder community needs for NPSBN.

Respectfully,



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cc: SIEC Members