2019 SIEC MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Since 2008, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Subcommittee (SIEC) has served as the governing body, under the Louisiana Unified Command Group, that oversees interoperable communications efforts in the State. It consists of representatives from all nine GOHSEP Regions, key State agencies, and all first responder disciplines. Engagement with our local responders is fostered through the work of this Committee, its members and GOHSEP. They assist with strategic decision making, training and exercise coordination, and issue identification and resolution. Take a moment to visit the SIEC website and learn more about our meetings, and Advisory Committees. Below are the 2019 SIEC Members.

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Deputy Chief Information Officer
2019 SIEC Members Spotlight, continued

**ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS (APCO)**

*Bill Vincent*
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Lafayette Parish Communications District (Ret.)

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*Seth Breaux*
Asset Manager
Louisiana Ambulance Alliance

**REGION 1 REPRESENTATIVE**

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Information Technology & Telecommunications Director
Jefferson Parish Government

**REGION 2 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Billie Metz Giroir (DPTY)*
Chief Civil Deputy
West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office

**REGION 3 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Conrad Baker (LT)*
Technology/911 Operations Center
Senior Commander
St. John Parish Sheriff’s Office

**REGION 4 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Stacey Blanchard (CPT)*
Assistant Director OHSEP
St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office

**REGION 5 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Richard McGuire*
Executive Director
Calcasieu Parish Communications District

**REGION 7 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Doyle Dempsey (MAJ)*
Support Bureau/Asset Management
Bossier Parish Sheriff’s Office

**REGION 8 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Robert “Bobby” Moore*
Fire Services & Supply Technician
Ouachita Parish Fire Department

**REGION 9 REPRESENTATIVE**

*Michael “Mike” Moore (SGT)*
Canine & Patrol Division
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office

**Louisiana National Guard**

**Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs**

*Alan Dunn (MAJ)*
Not Pictured

*Vacant*
It’s Mardi Gras Ya’ll!

As so many of our communities are preparing for Mardi Gras balls, parades and revelries of all sorts, or planning for spring festivals, we wanted to take a moment and spotlight a community that practices great Communications Planning for Special Events, New Orleans OHSEP.

New Orleans OHSEP’s Communications Lead is Adam Brickeen. Adam is responsible for coordinating all multiagency ICS 205 Communications Forms. Adam believes the value of a coordinated planning effort during special events is critical to achieving interoperable and operational communications for the event; however, “the greater long-term benefit is we build skills, exercise through implementation and continually build awareness during blue skies. Our incident communications planning and interoperability prove it.”

LWIN was built and exists to support operational communications that are interoperable! Having a statewide system provides Louisiana LWIN agencies a head start on interoperability, if you’ve programmed properly. The SIEC established minimum programming standards for LWIN agencies, creating a backbone of interoperability for our First Responder community. Please take a moment to check out the SIEC policies and especially Policy #3, Interoperable Channels & Talkgroups Policy.

For information on Incident Radio Communications Plans (ICS 205), visit the FEMA Website: (https://www.fema.gov/th/media-library/assets/documents/33524)
Your EPTT may not meet policy standards. Know Before You Purchase!

Did you know there are several policies that govern LWIN use, access, and protocols on patching connections? Several vendor options are available today to enhance your communications capabilities. For instance, with the advent of FirstNet and Enhanced Push To Talk (EPTT) applications, agencies are looking into how best to take advantage of these. Please make sure to take into consideration that these are only recognized for “Non-Mission Critical” communications. If you are considering the purchase of any Radio Over Internet Protocol (ROIP) connections, take a moment to review SIEC Policy Number 006: Network Patching, and consult with LSP Radio Communications, prior to any purchase. SIEC Policy Number 006: Network Patching Policy

LWIN SYSTEM STATS

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What were the issues?

- Telco Issues: 94%
- Equipment Issues: 4%
- Power Issues: 2%

% IN WIDE AREA OPERATIONS

- October: 99.86%
- November: 99.81%
- December: 99.88%
- Average Time: 99.85%

Site Outages

Total Downtime for the Quarter is 448 Hours

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19-Q1 STR to GTR Schedule

- FEB: St. James, Gray
- MAR: St. Rolalie, Sheridan, and Houma

Top Voice Busy

- Abbeville 103
- Gray 47
- Vinton 19
Most of our Louisiana Response Agencies have heard about FirstNet and Band 14. As you start implementation and begin migrating devices, whether your own or agency provided, please keep in mind you will need a FirstNet Ready™ device and a FirstNet SIM card to take advantage of all the benefits of FirstNet and Band14. A FirstNet Capable device will provide you the benefits of FirstNet but not Band14. For more device information see the FirstNet.com site or you can request support for your agency’s move to FirstNet. Email us at FirstNet@la.gov to find out your Parish point of contact and get started on your FirstNet implementation.

**FirstNet Subscriber, Now What?**

- The FirstNet Authority website has a Discipline Specific Resource section for great ideas and insights on how FirstNet can support your agencies objectives.
- Ready to add applications to your broadband portfolio? Look for applications that have been tested by the FirstNet Lab. These are standards-based mission critical function and features tested and are ready for the field! Check Mission Critical Communications’ online webinar series beginning March 21st, as they review all “Apps for First Responders”.
- Sign up for the FirstNet Authority Newsletter and stay informed of new developments.
- Community Resiliency and FirstNet. “FirstNet Brings Tech Focus to Community Resiliency; Encourages Innovation for First Responders at CES2019.”

Be sure to take a look at how FirstNet can support your daily mission, beyond priority and preemption!

**FirstNet Resources**

- **FirstNet on YouTube**
- **Discipline Specific Resources**
911

Telecommunicator are vital partners in achieving interoperability and maintaining operable communications. Most incidents begin with your Telecommunicator (911 Dispatcher/Call Taker) as a frontline partner in emergency communications.

Ensuring this capability is maintained should be part of preparedness and planning initiative(s). During incidents IMAC or EMAC may requests may be required to supplement or replace personnel. If so, Do you know about our TERT (Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce)?

Louisiana’s TERT Team is ready for mission deployment in support other states. Have you considered requesting this resource as an IMAC? Take a look and see how IMAC and EMAC may work for you, during the next disaster.

BECOME A MEMBER OF
Louisiana’s TERT Team

The Louisiana TERT Team is always looking for new members! Please visit their website and see how your department can become a partner in providing telecommunications support as a part of the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce.

Notes from the field.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
2019 LOUISIANA APCO/NENA SYMPOSIUM
APRIL 29-MAY 1ST
L‘AUBERGE CASINO RESORT, LAKE CHARLES
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

NG911 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

At the last APCO/NENA meeting a new data rich public safety solution was presented. Check out RapidSOS for more information.

AUXCOMM

GOHSEP has launched a partnership with LSP Radio Communications to encourage and support AuxCom capabilities at the Parish level. There will be one day a month set aside to assist Parish OHSEPs with their AuxCom support requests. This will be the third (3rd) Thursday of each month. Requests will have to be submitted in advance and coordinated through the GOHSEP Interoperability office. For more information or to schedule, email Ami.Johnson@la.gov.

Stay Tuned for the 2019 State AUXCom SOP, all the information you need to communicate with SEOC AuxCom branch during activations.

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Thank You!
We wish to say, “Thank You for all you do!”

April
14th - 20th
National
Public Safety
Telecommunicators Week

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