

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana
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CHRIS GUILBEAUX
CHAIRMAN

MINUTES
October 25, 2017

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at the Department of Public Safety Services, Office of Management and Finance Building, Third Floor South Central Training Room, located at 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Chris Guilbeaux called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Roll Call

The SIEC roll call was conducted by GOHSEP Assistant Deputy Director, Christina Dayries, and a quorum was established.

The following SIEC members were present or absent as noted:

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Chris Guilbeaux	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Neal Underwood	Division of Administration (DOA)
Alan Dunn	Louisiana National Guard
Chuck Hurst, designee for Ricky Edwards	Louisiana Sheriffs Association
Brian Zeringue	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Robert Benoit	Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association
Brian Spillman, designee for Dick Gremillion	Regional Parish Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Directors Committee
Adam White	Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services (DPS)
Bill Vincent	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Seth Breaux, designee for Eric Miller	Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance
Aaron Miller	Region 1
Billie Giroir	Region 2

Conrad Baker	Region 3
Stacey Willingham, designee Stacey Blanchard	Region 4
David Benada, designee for Richard McGuire	Region 5
Kenneth Moore, designee for Sonya Wiley-Gremillion	Region 6
Robert Seal	Region 9

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Wes Edge	Region 7
Sean Christian	Region 8
Vacant	Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

III. Approval of Minutes

Billie Giroir made a motion to approve the July 26, 2017, meeting minutes. Aaron Miller seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017, meeting as amended.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Christopher Guilbeaux provided the following report on the LWIN Interoperability talk group requests.

Since the last meeting 128 LWIN interoperability talk groups have been assigned for events such as:

- LSU Football Game
- Missing Persons Task Force
- Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo
- Alton Sterling Anniversary
- LA-TX "Brotherhood Ride"
- Airport Mock Disaster Drill
- I-10 Shutdown
- Hurricane Harvey
- Grand Gulf Exercise
- SAEREX exercise
- Slidell PD funeral procession for Lt. Ray Dupuy
- TS Nate
- E. Feliciano/EBR Homicide Investigation
- Pointe Coupee Parish 911 Harvest Festival

V. Statewide System Maintenance

Vernon McFadden with LSP Radio Communications provided the LWIN System Maintenance Report. A copy can be found on the SIEC website.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Budget and Finance Subcommittee (BFSC)

Christina Dayries provided a report on behalf of BFSC Chairman Ricky Edwards:

- The LWIN budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 was submitted to the Division of Administration on October 15, 2017.
- No change in what was submitted to DOA from what was presented at the last SIEC meeting.
- State agencies will begin meeting with the Commissioner of Administration right after Thanksgiving.
- January 19, 2018, the Governor will present his Executive Budget to the Legislature.
- Christina advised she will keep the SIEC updated of any significant developments.

B. Policy and Planning Subcommittee (PPSC)

No report.

C. Technical Subcommittee (TSC)

1. Billie Giroir reported that the TSC did not have a meeting. She provided an update on the following tower sites:
 - E. Feliciana, waiting on an MOU with DEMCO
 - Bossier, working with LSP Radio Communications for an assessment
 - Concordia, working with LSP Radio Communications for an assessment
 - Thibodeaux, working on another location
 - Lafourche, need to evaluate another location
 - Zachary, need to get with LSP Radio Communications for an assessment
 - Eunice, need to get with LSP Radio Communications for an assessment
 - St. George, LSP Radio Communications reviewing available frequencies with vendor
2. Billie Giroir stated that within West Feliciana, the parish had established building codes requiring that the facility include communication equipment for connections to first responder agencies.

She asked that if anyone needed a copy, they could contact her directly.

3. General Discussion: SIEC members asked if other opportunities for funding new sites existed. Christina Dayries mentioned that agencies could look into public/private partnerships and other grant opportunities. She offered her assistance in completing interoperability grant applications, if agencies needed it.

D. Broadband Subcommittee (BSC)

1. BSC Chairman LTC Adam White provided the following report.

On September 27, 2017, Governor John Bel Edwards announced his decision that Louisiana would Opt In to allow FirstNet and their partner AT&T to build the FirstNet Network within Louisiana.

The Louisiana Office of State Procurement has approved the National Purchasing Contract (NASPO) to allow state and local agencies to purchase FirstNet monthly services with AT&T. Included in your binders is a Louisiana Territory Map for your AT&T sales contact if needed.

The role of the Louisiana SPOC, GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom, from this point forward, will be to serve as the liaison between Louisiana first responders and FirstNet/AT&T partnership. Jim will ensure that any gaps in broadband coverage that agencies make him aware of is relayed to FirstNet/AT&T so they can continue to address throughout their 25-year contract.

LA FirstNet staff continues to provide education and outreach regarding the FirstNet process and if anyone needs a briefing, please contact our LA FirstNet staff through firstnet@la.gov or by contacting Christina Dayries.

Brad Smith has taken another assignment with OTS and is no longer with LA FirstNet team.

The Department of Commerce has announced another round of SLIGP 2.0 funding and grant applications are due by December 28, 2017. Our LA FirstNet staff and GOHSEP are currently reviewing the limited eligible activity to determine if an application will be made. The grant is an 80% federal and 20% state match grant and Louisiana's initial allocation is estimated at \$250,000 for a nine (9) month project period.

2. LTC White introduce Lindsey Scalfini who provide an update to the SIEC the status of the new site build outs and how the on boarding process is progressing. A copy of the FirstNet presentation can be found on the SIEC website.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

- A. David Benada gave an overview of the communications during response to Hurricane Harvey. He stated that the region is preparing for an after action with GOHSEP and will be looking into establishing an ACU in conjunction with the motorbridge.
- B. Aaron Miller stated that Region 1 is working with the Office of Emergency Communications to set up a COML and COMT course in 2018. More information to come.

IX. Public Comments

- A. Chairman Guilbeaux thanked Travis Johnson who attended for his services to the SIEC.
- B. Chairman Guilbeaux announced that he recently hired Ami Johnson formerly of Ascension Parish OHSEP as the new Interoperability Program Manager for GOHSEP. Ami will begin her employment with GOHSEP on November 6, 2017. She will be available for any planning, training or exercise related interoperability activities.
- C. He also reminded the members to ensure their first responder agencies are continuing to conduct communication related training and exercises using all available assets.
- D. Chairman Guilbeaux announced the next SIEC meeting will be scheduled from January 24, 2018.

X. Adjournment

Brian Zeringue made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Hurst seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn.