



Louisiana Wireless Information Network



SIEC Meeting
Chair Report
October 24th, 2012





New Members

- **Artice Dowdy with the Ouachita Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will be the new representative for Region 8.**
- **John Taylor, Assistant Chief, St. Tammany Fire District 4 will be the new representative for the Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance.**



700MHz Narrowbanding

- **700MHz Narrowbanding Waiver has been approved!**
- **...we grant this waiver request subject to the condition that Louisiana must cure any incidents of harmful interference that its operations may cause to narrowbanded operations in neighboring jurisdictions in Arkansas, Texas, or Mississippi, and conversely, Louisiana must accept interference to its operations from narrowbanded operations in such neighboring jurisdictions. We further note that Louisiana must continue to abide by all applicable regional planning and interstate coordination requirements in the deployment and operation of the LWIN system.**



Arkansas 700MHz Narrowbanding

- State of Arkansas submitted a 700MHz Narrowbanding Waiver with the FCC on September 5, 2012.
- Arkansas's waiver request asks for the same 2024 extension as the Louisiana waiver.
- The SIEC staff will prepare a comment in support of Arkansas's request once the FCC sends it out for public comment.



UHF / VHF Narrowbanding

WHO? All existing Part 90 radio systems operating in the 150-174 MHz and 421-512 MHz bands

WHAT? Convert those systems either to a maximum bandwidth of 12.5 kHz or to a technology that provides at least one voice path per 12.5 kHz of bandwidth or equivalent efficiency.

WHEN? January 1, 2013

•More information: <http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/public-safety-spectrum/narrowbanding-faq.html>



Public Safety Broadband

- **Governor of each state must appoint a person or committee or be the point of contact for the state's broadband effort.**
- **Superintendent of the State Police, Mike Edmonson, and GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis will be recommending the SIEC be the POC for Louisiana.**
- **Final authority for broadband decisions within each state rests with the governor, including whether to go with the national plan or a state plan.**

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Public Safety Broadband

- We will create a new subcommittee, the Public Safety Broadband Subcommittee, to begin gathering information and laying the groundwork for our broadband efforts.
- We will begin looking into the subcommittee makeup soon.



Regional Interoperable Communications Training Events

- There are no new IECGP funds for FY 2012-2013
- There are remaining funds from previous years and funds deobligated by parishes
- This money will be used to complete the remaining training events
- Complete: R1, R2, R5, R7, R8, R9
- Outstanding: R3, R4, R6,