

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana
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CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2021

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at the State Emergency Operations Center, located at 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, and via Teleconference.

I. Call to Order

A. Chairman Neal Fudge called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A. GOHSEP Interoperability Program Manager, Travis Johnson, conducted the SIEC roll call and a quorum was established.

B. The following SIEC members were present or absent as noted:

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Neal Fudge - Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Homeland Security & Interoperability Division	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Stephen Cockerham, SFC	Louisiana National Guard
Richard "Dick" Gremillion, Director Calcasieu OHSEP	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director's Committee
CPT David Stelly – Designee for Chris Eskew, LTC Deputy Superintendent	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)
Pat Arnould Executive Director	Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
Bill Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer APCO Lafayette Parish Communications District (Ret.)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Robert Daughdril Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Jeb Tate Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government	Region 1
David Luker, LT – Designee for Billie Metz Giroir, DPTY	Region 2

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Chief Civil Deputy, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office	
Conrad Baker, CPT Technology/911 OPS Center St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 3
Stacey Blanchard, CPT Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff's Office/OHSEP	Region 4
Doyle Dempsey, MAJ Support Bureau / Asset Management Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 7
Robert "Bobby" Moore, Fire Service & Supply Technician, Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Region 8

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Neal Underwood, Deputy Chief Information Officer	State of Louisiana Division of Administration (DOA)/Office of Technology Support (OTS)
Ricky Edwards Sheriff Jeff Davis, Ret.	Louisiana Sheriff's Association
Bryan Zeringue, Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Robert Benoit, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association
Richard McGuire Executive Director Calcasieu Parish Communications District	Region 5 Representative
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion Director, Rapides Parish 911/ OHSEP	Vice Chair Region 6 Representative
Michael "Mike" Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 9

III. Approval of Minutes



Bobby Moore made a motion to approve the April 28, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Stacey Blanchard seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting.

IV. Chairman's Report

- A. Chairman Neal Fudge began by thanking the members for attending the meeting and informing the members that there is a lot to cover this meeting so we will do our best to respect your time and keep it moving.
- B. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Presentation – Jim Lundsted, Emergency Communications Coordinator – FEMA Regions 6 & 7 provided the committee a briefing on current CISA training, resources, and program adoption rates within the State of Louisiana. This presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link
- C. Travis Johnson presented Jim Lundsted the GOHSEP Emergency Services Award for his outstanding support to the state of Louisiana during the 2020 hurricane season.
- D. Travis Johnson updated the SIEC on two ongoing CISA Technical Assistance Requests (TA) for Louisiana. The first is the Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Operations Guide (TICFOG). The TICFOG kickoff meeting was well attended and the next step is to send out the meeting materials to the participants and ask them to gather the materials needed to fill out the TICFOG for their specific region. The second TA is the Encryption Guide. A survey will be sent to state responders about their encryption usage. That data will be combined with nationwide best practice information to create a guide to help responders understand encryption or for the SIEC to use as a basis of policy if they choose to.
- E. Statewide System Maintenance Report - Vernon McFadden with the DPS Radio Communications Section provided detailed information about the LWIN system. This presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link.
- F. CPT Conrad Baker informed the SIEC that the Greater Lafourche Port Commission was awarded a port security grant to fund the proposed LWIN site at the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port facility in Galiano. The award was for a 75% grant, the local user agencies will match the other 25%.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance

Chairman Fudge provided the following update on behalf of subcommittee chair Ricky Edwards.

GOHSEP received the appropriation for FY22 totaling \$11,507,860. This does not include any new tower sites or funding for the Ethernet upgrade. It does fully fund the increase in the Motorola maintenance contract.

GOHSEP applied for a BRIC hazard mitigation grant to fully fund the Ethernet upgrade and the grant was denied. GOHSEP is looking to other grant opportunities to partially fund the project or will seek another request for an appropriation from the legislature for FY23.

GOHSEP did receive the \$2.4 Million in required cost share that would have been needed for the federal grant. A determination on how that funding may be applied to partially phase in the Ethernet project is being reviewed by GOHSEP and DPS pending the outcome of other funding source determinations.

B. Technical

Chairman Billie Giroir was unable to make the meeting. Conrad Baker advised that the Technical Subcommittee (TSC) has not met since the last SIEC meeting.

C. Policy and Planning

Chairman Bill Vincent reported that other than the TICP/FOG that Travis reported on, all LWIN Policies are up to date and working well.

D. Broadband

CPT David Stelly reported on behalf of LTC Chris Eskew that the subcommittee has not met since the last SIEC meeting.

E. Training and Outreach

Subcommittee chair Jeb Tate advised the subcommittee has no report at this time.

Chairman Fudge informed the committee that staff will be reaching out to all the subcommittee members and chairs to verify everyone is able to and continue serving. Anyone interested on serving on a committee please let Travis or me know.

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Bobby Moore from Region 8 asked if the regional funding for the Ethernet Project will still be needed since the legislature did not fund the project this fiscal cycle. Chairman Fudge relayed that he will follow up with Christina Dayries from the Budget and Finance Subcommittee and report back.

III. New Business

- A. Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Location Services – Travis Johnson reported that LDWF has a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. LDWF wants to utilize GPS data from LWIN to map the location of their field agents, but the local CAD vendor LDWF selected is not on Motorola's (the LWIN system manufacturer) list of approved vendors to connect to their systems. We are asking the TSC to look into this issue and determine if there is a risk to the system in allowing the GPS data to be provided to the non-authorized CAD vendor.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

V. Next Quarterly Meeting

Chairman Neal Fudge advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be October 27, 2021 at 1:30 PM, either via conference call or in the State Emergency Operation Center, depending on COVID-19 situation; check meeting invite for confirmation. There were no objections.

VI. Adjournment

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Bobby Moore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Conrad Baker. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:07 pm.