

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana
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CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2024

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, February 21, 2022, at the State Emergency Operations Center, located at 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, and via Teleconference.

I. Call to Order

A. Chairman Jake Chatfield called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A. GOHSEP, Cleve Franklin, 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
Jake Chatfield – Statewide Interoperability Coordinator	Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Steven Cockerham –Designee for Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard	General of Louisiana National Guard
Jason Lionberger Calcasieu OHSEP	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director’s Committee
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
Bryan Zeringue , Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Christine Verdin – Council Member of Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe	Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs
Jeb Tate Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government	Region 1
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
Richard McGuire Executive Director Calcasieu Parish Communications District	Region 5
Ellis Boothe Parish Director	Region 6
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
Michael "Mike" Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 9
Pat Arnould Executive Director	
Robert Benoit, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association
Jayson Richardson Sheriff of Desoto Parish	Louisiana Sheriff's Association
Chris Eskew, LTC Deputy Superintendent	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)

III. Approval of Minutes

Richard McGuire made a motion to approve the October 23, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Doyle Dempsey seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting.

IV. Chairman's Report

- A. Chairman Jake Chatfield began by thanking the members for attending the meeting.
- B. Interoperability Program Manager, Jake Chatfield updated the board on Hurricane Francine' response updates. Facilitated power outages and recovery with commercial carriers that effected approximately 130 cellular towers the first night. This collaboration allowed power companies to prioritize grids to bring cellular and LWIN towers back online in a timely manner. Also, briefed that the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Project was in the final phase of approval with FEMA.
- C. Statewide System Maintenance Report – Ravi Penumarthi 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.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

- A. Budget and Finance
No updates.
- B. Technical
Billie Giroir discussed the approval of several new LWIN Tower projects for South Livingston, Morehouse, Zachary, Concordia, Avoyelles East, Bossier City, and Thibodeaux.
Billie detailed the coverage issues for Iberville, and future tests going forward. Billie also discussed Region 2 requests a bank of 16 talkgroups. Discussed the Statewide SSID's for Smart Connect. Any requests will go directly thru MCS.
Bill Vincent made the motion, and Richard McGuire 2nd the motion.
- C. Policy and Planning
No updates.
- D. Training and Outreach
No update to training and outreach.

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Julio Peck from LSP discussed the status of the Ethernet Project was going along with the updated timeline
- B. The Policy and Planning Committee, and the SIEC Technical Committee has completed the policy for the statewide system.

III. New Business

- A. Travis Johnson from CISA discussed a National Weather Service Project that would provide preprogrammed radios that would allow them to send emergency messages statewide during a significant weather events. Working on getting radios and equipment to assist in this project.
- B. Vernon McFadden and his team discussed how Statewide Interoperability Radio Channels will be issued for the upcoming NFL Super Bowl. Any further request must go thru MCS.
- C. Avoyelles Tower was discussed more in depth from the Technical Subcommittee.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

V. Next Quarterly Meeting

Chairman Jake Chatfield advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be January 22, 2025 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP's EOC. There were no objections.

VI. Adjournment

Richard McGuire made a motion to adjourn. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:35 pm.