

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana

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APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2020

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, via Teleconference.

I. Call to Order

A. Vice Chairman Sonya Wiley-Gremillion called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

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

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Christina Dayries - designee for Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Homeland Security & Interoperability Division	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Neal Underwood, Deputy Chief Information Officer	State of Louisiana Division of Administration (DOA)/Office of Technology Support (OTS)
Stephen Cockerham, SFC - designee for Alan Dunn MAJ	Louisiana National Guard
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
Cade McLemore - designee for Richard "Dick" Gremillion, Director Calcasieu OHSEP	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director's Committee
Layne Barnum, LTC Deputy Superintendent	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
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
Anthony Summers, - designee for Billie Metz Giroir, DPTY Chief Civil Deputy, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 2
Conrad Baker, LT 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
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion Director, Rapides Parish 911/ OHSEP	Vice Chair Region 6 Representative
Robert "Bobby" Moore, Fire Service & Supply Technician, Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Region 8

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Richard McGuire Executive Director Calcasieu Parish Communications District	Region 5 Representative
Doyle Dempsey, MAJ Support Bureau / Asset Management Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 7
Michael "Mike" Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 9

III. Approval of Minutes



Bill Vincent made a motion to approve the January 22, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Bryan Zeringue seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting.

IV. Vice Chairman's Report

A. Vice Chairman Sonya Wiley-Gremillion began her report by introducing two new SIEC Members

1. Governor's Office of Indian Affairs - Pat Arnould is a member of the United Houma Nation and Executive Director of Indian Affairs for the Governor's Office. Some of you will remember Pat from her many years with the GOHSEP training office and her time as the Deputy Director of the Louisiana Office of Indian Affairs from 1998 – 2006.
2. Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance - Robert Daughdril is the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance. Robert has 44 years of experience in all levels of EMS and is the current Chairman of the Calcasieu Parish Communication District (911) Board of Directors.

B. Statewide System Maintenance Report

- Vernon McFadden with Louisiana State Police Radio Communications provided detailed information about the LWIN system. This presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link.
- Sonya Wiley-Gremillion asked what impact the System Upgrade Agreement signed with Motorola would have on LWIN users. Chance Delome with Motorola Solutions stated that the first upgrade would begin around the October 2020 timeframe, and the second upgrade as part of this agreement would be in year four. The upgrade will be seamless to the users and there will be no cost passed on to them. The only possible impact will be due to the system database being locked down while the upgrade is in progress, so no IDs can be added or removed from the system.

II. Advisory Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance

Ricky Edwards asked Christina Dayries to provide an update on the FY 20-21 budget request. Christina reported that as of now only the regular recurring \$8.5 million dollar SIEC budget for maintenance only, has been approved. The FY20-21 budget request also included increases for system maintenance, personnel, T-1 conversion to Ethernet, and 13 additional tower sites that so far have not been approved.

B. Technical

Subcommittee chair Billie Giroir advised the subcommittee has no report at this time.

C. Policy and Planning

Chairman Bill Vincent advised the subcommittee has no report at this time.

D. Broadband

Chairman Layne Barnum reminded committee staff that FirstNet was supposed to contact Ricky Edwards from LSA, and asked that SIEC Secretary Travis Johnson follow-up and add FirstNet Update to the next SIEC meeting agenda. The chair then advised the subcommittee has no report at this time.

E. Training and Outreach

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

III. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business at this time.

IV. New Business

A. Law Enforcement Interoperability Talkgroups. Layne Barnum requested that the SIEC authorize the creation of interoperability talkgroups for law enforcement that could be encrypted. POLICY NUMBER: 003 - INTEROPERABLE CHANNELS AND TALKGROUPS POLICY prohibits the use of encryption on LWIN interoperability talkgroups. Law enforcement has expressed a need to be able to utilize the benefits of a statewide interoperability talkgroup while keeping communications secure during sensitive law enforcement operations.

M Bryan Zeringue made a motion that the SIEC authorize the creation of one encrypted statewide law enforcement talkgroups to be managed by the Louisiana State Police. Layne Barnum seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Grand Isle Site. Jeb Tate informed the SIEC that Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO) located a suitable tower and surplus radio equipment from their inventory to stand up an LWIN tower site in Grand Isle to fix the coverage issues they have been experiencing since the Port Fourchon site moved. Funding would come from unused Region 1 LWIN maintenance funding and the remaining funding would be covered by JPSO.

M Jeb Tate made a motion that the SIEC approve adding the Grand Isle tower site to the LWIN approved site location list. Conrad Baker seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve.

M Jeb Tate made a motion to re-allocate Region 1 LWIN Maintenance funds to cover expenses from the Grand Isle LWIN tower site. Bryan Zeringue seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Sonya Wiley-Gremillion asked DPS Radio Communications if there was any update on the LWIN coverage issues from the Village of Creola from the last meeting. Julio Peck

with DPS Radio Communications advised that they did not have a report yet but were looking into the issue.

VI. Next Quarterly Meeting

Vice Chair Sonya Wiley-Gremillion advised the committee that the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be October 28, 2020 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.

VII. Adjournment



Bryan Zeringue made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeb Tate. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:51 pm.