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TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

December 8, 2015

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Technical Subcommittee (TSC) met on Wednesday, December 8, 2015 at the Office of Technology Services (OTS) Radio Communications Conference Room, 8001 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

I. Call to Order

Technical Subcommittee Chairman Eric Deroche called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The following TSC members were present or absent as noted:

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Eric Deroche	Region 3
Bill Vincent	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Julio Peck	OTS Radio Communications
Wes Edge	Region 7
Lorn Bourgeois	Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Chuck Cassard	Louisiana Sheriffs Association
Jonathan Walsdorf	St. Charles Parish Sherriff's Office
James Ballow	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)

III. South Baton Rouge Tower Site Relocation Request

St. George Fire Department has committed to building a new tower near their new fire training center on Airline Highway. They have requested the South Baton Rouge LWIN site be moved to their site, once complete, to improve in-building coverage in their service area in the southeast corner of East Baton Rouge Parish. Coverage maps provided at the meeting showed the site would move approximately 5 miles to the east and would fill in-building coverage gaps in the southeast portion of the parish.

Julio Peck reminded the subcommittee that the current location was chosen in part because it provided overlapping coverage with the Baton Rouge Simulcast cell and the proposed location, while improving in-building coverage in the southeast, did not provide adequate in-building coverage in Baton Rouge if the simulcast were to fail.

The TSC then discussed the probability of failure of the simulcast and possible ways to mitigate disruption if the simulcast were to go down.

Lorn Bourgeois motioned for the committee to recommend the South Baton Rouge LWIN tower site be moved to the proposed St. George Fire department tower site once built. Wes Edge seconded the motion. Eric Deroche, Bill Vincent, Wes Edge, and Lorn Bourgeois voted in favor of the motion. Julio Peck opposed. The motion carried.

IV. East Feliciana Coverage

In response to a request from the Region 2 Interoperability Committee Chairman Billie Giroir to add an LWIN tower site in the northeastern section of East Feliciana Parish, the TSC discussed options for improving coverage in that area.

Bill Vincent motioned for the OTS Radio Communications Section to investigate possible methods for improving coverage in northeastern East Feliciana Parish including testing a bi-directional amplifier purchased by the parish and report back to the TSC. Julio Peck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Digital Vehicular Repeater System (DVRS)

Motorola Solutions provided the TSC a presentation on the Digital Vehicular Repeater System (DVRS) technology and operation. TSC Chairman Eric Deroche instructed OTS Radio Communications to go through the normal testing in accordance with Policy 008, Subscriber Device Acceptance Policy, and report back to the TSC if and when users request to use this equipment on the LWIN system.

VI. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VII. Adjournment

The TSC voted unanimously to adjourn.