**APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES**

June 8, 2022

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at the State Emergency Operations Center, located at 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, and via Teleconference.

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Chairman Neal Fudge called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. GOHSEP, Cheri Scott, conducted the SIEC roll call and a quorum was established.
   2. The following SIEC members were present or absent as noted:

| **Committee Members Present** | **Representing Agency** |
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| **Neal Fudge -** Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Homeland Security & Interoperability Division | Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) |
| **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) |
| **Bryan Zeringue,** Chief  Thibodaux Police Department | Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police |
| **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 |
| **Jake Chatfield-** Interoperability Program Manager | Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) |
| **David Luker, LT – Designee for**  **Billie Metz Giroir**, **DPTY**  Chief Civil Deputy, West Feliciana Parish Sheriff’s Office | Region 2 |
| **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 |
| **Robert “Bobby” Moore**,  Fire Service & Supply Technician, Ouachita Parish Fire Department | Region 8 |

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| **Committee Members Absent** | **Representing Agency** |
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| **Ricky Edwards**  Sheriff Jeff Davis, Ret. | Louisiana Sheriff’s Association |
| **Pat Arnould**  Executive Director | Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs |
| **Robert Benoit, Chief**  Lafayette Fire Department | Louisiana Fire Chief’s Association |
| **Jeb Tate**  Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government | Region 1 |
| **Sonya Wiley-Gremillion**  Director, Rapides Parish 911/ OHSEP | Vice Chair  Region 6 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 |

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Richard McGuire made a motion to approve the February 16, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Stacey Blanchard seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting.

1. **Chairman’s Report** 
   1. 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.
   2. Interoperability Program Manager, Jake Chatfield discussed the update on the new TICP and FOG for the state. GOHSEP will be working with all parishes to conduct an assessment of their communications plan. State will be requesting a Communications Asset Survey Mapping (CASM) to conduct this assessment.
   3. Travis Johnson gave an update about the AAR for Hurricane IDA. AAR was split between CISA, and SDMI.
   4. Travis also discussed the recent updates to the LWIN Dashboard from GOHSEP and FEMA.
   5. 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.
2. **Advisory Committee Reports**
   1. Budget and Finance

Christina Dayries provided the following update on behalf of subcommittee chair Ricky Edwards. HB1 FY23 Budget was approved and begins July 1st to June 2023. GOHSEP’s maintenance budget of $11.5 million is intact. GOHSEP can continue moving forward with the remaining 2022 projects. No additional funding was approved for HB1.

Louisiana Supplemental House bill 592 was approved. The state approved $1.5 million for a new Thibodaux LWIN tower site using ARPA funds.

GOHSEP and DPS received appropriation for FY22 totaling $2.4 million for Motorola Equipment to start the project. There was an Amendment in the Senate to place the funds into GOHSEPs budget, but the funding was removed and placed into a statutory account. This account does not allow GOHSEP or DPS access to these funds pending the governor signing bill 1070. Pending the Governor’s signature, GOHSEP may request these funds the third week in December.

GOHSEP received funding for FY2022 funds to purchase Starlink technology, and AUXCOM.

GOHSEP received appropriation for 50% cost share for the supplemental budget. This appropriation requires a 50 percent cash match. GOHSEP is allocating all of the EMPG grant funding to the parishes.

Blaine Kelly with AT&T expressed that with the budget for infrastructure increasing, the state and its partners will need to work together to get equipment and people in position to complete these in time.

Chance Delome, from Motorola, explained that Motorola has purchased all the master site equipment and will be installing the equipment as it is received. The estimated completion date is December 2022.

* 1. Technical

Conrad Baker advised that the Technical Subcommittee (TSC) has not met since the last SIEC meeting.

Conrad Baker advised that Jefferson Parish requests Bridge City go back to zone 1 due to frequencies outages.

Bill Vincent reported they are coordinating sixteen additional, secure, ADP interoperability encrypted channels for law enforcement only.

* 1. Policy and Planning

Chairman Neal Fudge advised the committee that a Statewide CCG meeting will be held on July 13th.

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

* 1. Training and Outreach

Chairman Fudge advised that the state is going to be holding COML & COMT training July or August.

1. **Unfinished Business**
   1. Conrad Baker made a motion on behalf of Acadian Ambulance to purchase a communication tower for use of LWIN during disasters. Bill Vincent approved, second by Bryan Zeringue.
   2. Conrad Baker motioned to establish sixteen additional interoperability channels for law enforcement. Bill Vincent approved, second by Bryan Zeringue.
   3. Chairman Neal Fudge has proposed to table the Zachary tower sight due to funding and no decision on sight location. This item will be discussed at a later date to be determined.
2. **New Business**
   1. Chairman Neal Fudge reported that advised Region 1 received funding for $175,000 from the UASI 2021 grant.
   2. Christina Dayries report that there is a new statewide emergency alert system from Rave Alert System that has been approved and will be online and operating by 1 July 2022. Rave system will not only be more cost effective for the state, but also offer more tools and capabilities for statewide public safety.

1. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

1. **Next Quarterly Meeting**

Chairman Neal Fudge advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be September 28, 2022 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP’s EOC. There were no objections.

1. **Adjournment**

Richard McGuire made a motion to adjourn. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:05 pm.