

**Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
Radio Technical Operations Committee
Meeting Notes
March 22, 2017**

Members Present:

Rod Olson, John Gundersen, Dave Pikal, Jon Eckel, Chuck Steier, Jake Thompson, Scott Haas, Nate Timm, Chad LeVasseur, Scott Gerber, Ron Jansen, Peter Sauter, Chris Kummer.

Guests Present:

Steve Oruadnik; MN DOC, Peter Sauter; Carver County, Charles Sloan III; Hennepin County Emergency Management, Dan Anderson; HCEM, Rick Juth; ECN, Jim Schnoor, Federal Reserve, Dana Rude; Metropolitan Council, Dan Nohr; Motorola, Troy Tretter, Jill Rohret; Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

Call to Order:

Scott Haas called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Ron Jansen asked to add a request from Dakota County to the agenda for LTACs in three radios as a waiver to state standard 3.19.0 for three people on the SWAT team. Item was added to the agenda as 3.h.

Rick Juth asked that Communications Case Studies be added under Other Business. Item was added to Other Business

M/S/C Motion made by Ron Jansen to approve the March 22, 2017 agenda with the above modifications. Jon Eckel seconded. Motion.

M/S/C Motion made by Ron Jansen to approve the February 2017 minutes as amended. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

City of Minneapolis Participation Plan Amendment

Rod Olson said the City of Minneapolis is requesting a second console site at the MSO.

M/S/C Motion made by Gundersen to approve request to add a second console site at the MSO. Jansen seconded. Motion carried

COML Packet- Dan Klawitter

Troy Tretter presented to the TOC that Dan Klawitter has met the requirements for COML

M/S/C Motion made by Gundersen to approve Dan Klawitter's COML Packet Gerber seconded. Motion carried.

COML Packet- Jacob Cree

Troy Tretter presented to the TOC that Jacob Cree has met the requirements for COML

M/S/C Motion made by Ron Jansen to approve Jacob Cree's COML Packet Scott Gerber seconded. Motion carried.

COML Packet - Robert Beem

Troy Tretter presented to the TOC that Robert Beem has met the requirements for COML

M/S/C Motion made by John Gundersen to approve Robert Beem's COML Packet Rod Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Metro Standard 3.17.5 – Incident Tactical Dispatcher

Metro Standard 3.17.6 – Radio Operator

Metro Standard 3.17.7 – Incident Communications Center Manager

Chris Kummer said these three standards were brought before the Radio TOC one year ago. It was decided they would be pushed to the state so they could reside with the COML and COMT standards. Since that was done in July 2016, nothing has been done with them at the state level. The SWIC has put together a workgroup and the plan is to consolidate all the standards at the state level into one.

The intent of this request is to establish certification and re-certification in the metro region. All three standards training are offered at the OEC.

Nate Timm asked Chris how many opportunities there would be to stay certified. Chris said that the COMLs and the COMT tasks are different and they will have to make the opportunities happen to use the radios to stay certified.

M/S/C Motion made by Ron Jansen to approve all three of the standards as written to be Metro Standards and to eventually be sunset at the point when the state takes over. Timm seconded. Motion carried.

Dakota County Request for Exception of State Standard 3.19.0

Jansen said there are three SWAT team members on the Burnsville Fire Department. They are requesting the standardized zones be programmed into those radios. He is requesting waivers for those radios to be programmed as such. These radios would remain with the position on the SWAT team.

Tretter added that there had been a request to this committee about the time the LTAC Change Management request by Maple Grove Fire Department for six command fire radios to have the LTACs programmed in them. They could be transferred from fire to law enforcement and was approved by this committee. It was not approved.

Jansen is requesting this be approved by the Metro, then it will go to the OTC.

M/S/C Motion made by Gundersen to approve moving forward to request waiver from the state standard 3.19.0. Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Move, Additions & Changes to the System

Update on Removal of Voting from Interoperability System

Jansen there were no changes. Tretter noted Kingstack and Hennepin County needed to be finished.

Gundersen said the SATCOW is fully operational and is ready for deployment.

Committee Reports

Metro Mobility System Usage Update

Dana Rude said their Participation Plan is past the OTC. Changes will take place in May. They continue the CAD discussion of license responsibility.

System Manager's Group/Metro Owner's Group Update

Jansen said there were a number of updates to the system. The current 7.15 upgrade is pretty much done and on target. Still looking at 7.17 in 2018. There was a presentation on life cycle roadmap. Some key features like an edge server that could be purchased. 7.19 will be the last released version to support T1 service.

Also discussed was the upcoming Interoperability Conference, the P25 encryption and the LETAC standard 3.19.0 which will be brought up at the MOG next month.

Reports from SECB Committees

Steering

Tretter said at the last meeting they continued to discuss the federal participation potential of charging federal partners to use the ARMER system and the cleaning up of the Participation Plans.

Jill Rohret said that there seemed to be some participants that came onto ARMER as Interoperability participants but looking at their usage they appear to be using the system as a full participant.

Scott Haas asked if there has been discussion about where those dollars would go if they were to be charged. Is there a possibility that some of the local entities could recoup their expenses?

Tretter said that item has not as yet been addressed.

OTC

Gundersen said there was an OTC meeting on March 15. A number of items were discussed. One was a presentation by Jim Schnoor of the Federal Reserve Bank. They asked for more IDs. That was approved. There was discussion as to whether they should continue be an interop participant because they have one talkgroup on the system. No decision was made. The metro mobility change request was approved. The St. Cloud participation plan amendment was approved. It allows then to try to use data on the ARMER system. There is a continuing project in the OTC led by Kathy Anderson that reviews standard; primarily name changes etc., not substantive changes. standards are reviewed. There was discussion on some subscriber testing results on radios that was tabled until next month after more testing. Lake of the Woods changes were approved. Allina was approved.

Gundersen reviewed the handout on the Weather Service issue and there was an objection read by the Northeast region at the last meeting of how the metro was perceived to have favoritism. Gundersen asked if there was a need for a response from the metro TOC.

Tretter added that here was a change management standard that went before the OTC that was ultimately voted down by the SECB, and it was brought up at a later meeting that it was perceived that the metro was given special privileges.

Gundersen we could respond to this to build our case or we will have to continue to work with these other regions to build comradery.

Tretter said that there was no objection from the Northeast at the February meeting to go back to a workgroup. The Central Region also had an issue with the Weather Service Standard. Tretter said

that Doris Lake is going to be the 9-1-1 TOC representative to join as the second metro representative.

Gundersen said perhaps this is something that the MESB should address board to board. Rohret said she did not think it required any sort of official response because it was not directed to the SECB. We have the same number of votes as outstate and there is really no advantage in the metro. We can give talking points, but responding might look defensive.

Interoperable Data Committee

Rod Olson there was a short call in meeting on Tuesday. The only topic was the Task 10 document from Televate. The workgroup requirement summary was approved.

FirstNet was approved and AT&T is the provider.

Interoperability

Jake Thompson said that Minnesota Power is requesting use of Interop VHF channels. There was a memo from Jim Stromberg on Super Bowl planning. More information at next meeting. There was an Interoperability Committee review.

IPAWS

Scott Haas reported the meeting was held at TPT in St. Paul, Multi lingual challenges were discussed with notifications. No discussion about the IPAWS National Weather Service gateway. IPAWS and the Monticello training event was discussed. The Wireless emergency alert was approved for the MAC PSAP.

Finance/Grants Workgroup

Tretter said the amendment for the SECB was approved. There were some dollar allocations that needed to be readjusted. Cannot reapply for the grants yet. More documentation is needed from ECN.

Rohret said that there could be amendments to the contracts because there were some PSAP were omitted from the firewall plan. ECN has come out with some clarifying language regarding PSAPs that have or will be migrating to SIP by October of this year.

2017 Interoperability Conference May 1-3 (MN Public Safety Emergency Communications Conference)

Dave Pikal said the registration will be open soon. The agenda is finalized. Tretter added that the MESB can send up to twenty-five registrants.

Other Business

Regional Talkgroup Permissions Requests

Jim Schnoor of the Federal Reserve Bank requested METACs 1-10. And METCOM. Rod Olson said that would have a load bearing effect. Tretter said the standard does state they are to be used EOCs, and Incident Command Centers. Kummer asked if the use case could be explained. Schnoor said it would be helpful if a direct connection would be similar to what other PSAPs do by calling directly to HCMC if we need EMS response.

M/S/C Motion made by Ron Jansen to approve the request for the METACs 1-10 and disapprove request for METCOM access. Chris Kummer seconded. Motion carried.

Communications Case Studies

Rick Juth said there is room at the Public Safety Communications conference to add or two case studies to the Communications Case Studies Session.

Adjourn

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