

**Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
Radio Technical Operations Committee
Meeting Notes
May 24, 2017**

Members Present:

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

Guests Present:

Rick Juth; DPS/ECN, Steve Ouradnik; DOC, Charles Sloan III; Hennepin EMS, Carrie Oster; Motorola, Dana Rude; Met Council, Troy Tretter, Jill Rohret, Martha Ziese; Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, Al Fjerstad by phone

Call to Order:

Scott Haas called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Ron Jansen asked that the following corrections be made to the March 2017 TOC minutes:

- Jansen's name was misspelled in motion to approve February 2017 minutes
- SWIT misspelled on page 2.
- The 7.15, 7.17 and 7.18 referred to in the System Managers report were missing periods.
- It is not correct to state that 7.18 will be the last version to support T1 service.

M/S/C Motion made by Jeff Bjorklund to approve the March 2017 minutes as amended. Ron Jansen seconded. Motion carried.

Request by Rick Juth to discuss request by Cathy Anderson to make hailing regional talk groups available on Status Board. Item to be 3F.

M/S/C Motion made by John Eckel to approve the May 24, 2017 agenda with the above modifications. Rod Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

COML Packet – Charles Sloan III (HCMC EMS)

Troy Tretter said that Charles Sloan III has met the requirements for COML and asked for approval of his certification.

M/S/C Motion made by Peter Sauter to approve Charles Sloan III COML Packet. Dave Pikal seconded. Motion carried.

CRAE Installation of 8TAC91 at Princeton H.S.

Fjerstad said that per standard 3.47.0 an approval is needed to install a CRAE repeater system to be used for emergency interoperability purposes at Princeton High School. The Northeast and Central regions have approved the installation. It is now before the Metro TOC for approval. It will not be providing citywide coverage. If approved at this TOC it will go before the OTC.

Jon Eckel said that there needed to be some changes to the FCC 601-D application. To correct the AGL heights on page 8 and 10, to drop the ERP Wattage to match the portable output, to Fjerstad said he will talk to Dave Sissor of West Central Communications about making corrections. Nate

Timm asked where the antenna would be mounted. Fjerstad said it would be located on the upper level of the two-story high school.

M/S/C Motion made by Timm to approve CRAE installation. Seconded by Gundersen.

Further discussion by John Eckel to have this contingent on the correction of the FCC license.

Request to amend motion by Nate Timm to add contingent on correction of the FCC license, Gundersen seconded. Motion carried.

Metro Standard 3.23.0 – Connecting to the 800MHz System

Tretter said that this standard was sunsetted in April by the SECB. Tretter brought it to the metro work group in January where it was tabled. Tretter requested a motion to sunset the standard unless there was an interest in revising and bringing it up to date.

M/S/C Motion made by Eckel to sunset Standard 3.23.0. Timm seconded. Motion carried.

Metro Standard 3.7.0 – Recording of Interoperability Talkgroups

Tretter said at the same April SECB meeting, Standard 3.7.0 was recommended to be deleted at the state level. The recommendation was for regions to do their own standard for the recording of interoperability talk groups. There will need to be a substantial rewrite if standard is retained. Jansen said that a small work group would be needed to revise 3.7.0. It might be a MOG workgroup.

Tretter had an email discussion with Kathy Hughes of Hennepin County and she said they have a lot of talk groups that they are recording for other agencies. Timm said that it could be sent to the 9-1-1 TOC to see if they felt the need for the standard revision and the necessity of a talkgroup. Haas said that if the state felt it was not a necessity then he did not feel it would be necessary for regions to have one but that it was an agency decision. Tretter added that the state's position is that it is optional that regions adopt this standard.

Jansen said that the Southeast and Central regions are migrating toward a combined or shared resource and the state did not want to dictate what they could or couldn't do at that level.

M/S/C Motion made by Jansen to send discussion to 9-1-1 TOC after the MOG cleaned up the outdated technical language. Timm seconded. Motion carried.

Metro Standard 3.13.0 – Nationwide 800MHz Conventional Interoperability Channels

Tretter said this standard has not been updated in nine years and it also references the old Metro recording standard that is currently outdated. Gundersen asked if there was any conflict with regional trailers antenna setups? Haas said he thought there was a state standard specific to those.

M/S/C Motion made by Gundersen to send discussion to MOG. Timm seconded. Motion carried.

Hailing regional talk groups available on Status Board

Rick Juth said there was a request for the regions input on the regions consistency on Status Board. Rod Olson said the state patrol is the only one with MSP CALL in their consoles, so there would be no need to reserve it and was not sure if it was in status board.

Nate Timm checked status board and said that MSP CALL was available to reserve and did not think that MSP CALL should be in Status Board. He felt that MN COMM should be added to a list of available recourses and it was not listed.

Rick Juth thanked the group for their feedback.

Move, Additions & Changes to the System

Update on Removal of Voting from Interoperability System.

Jansen said the state is working on replacing the EF Johnson 2008 series repeaters with GTRs.

Haas said the Weather Standards group is to meet on the 30th and if there are any concerns to address them with him before the meeting.

Scott Haas updated the committee on the Norwood site. It sounded like tailgating mid conversation that would fade in and out at Norwood during a storm event. They found that the STR v.24 conversion lines got crossed with the GTR's. He wanted to give the committee and heads up on how they were able to find and fix it.

Ron Jansen said they also had similar issues between the STR and GTR's.

Committee Reports

Metro Mobility System Usage Update

Dana said their request been approved for the T1s to be moved off their network, but they don't have a set schedule of when they are doing it. They need to have more meetings with MnDOT.

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

Jansen said there was no meeting today. 7.15 is done, 7.17 is scheduled for 2018, and 7.19 is scheduled for 2020.

Reports from SECB Committees

Steering

Troy Tretter reported Rey Freeman will do a study on ARMER participation plan requirements and their applicability to what is currently in standard, focus will be on Federal participants. There was a review of the participation plan of Clay County, ND / Fargo coming onto ARMER. It will be reviewed by all applicable SECB Committees before going back to Steering. Steering will be the last stop before it goes to the SECB.

OTC

John Gundersen said the OTC met in May. Some standards had language revised and were approved. The National Guard's request for additional radios was approved.

Jim Stromberg presented some instructions to update participation plans.

Dakota County waiver request was approved pending regional approval.

Minneapolis Participation plan amendment was approved.

Status Board application presentation on how changes to the application will be done.

Interoperable Data Committee

Rod Olson said AT & T will push out priority and preemption before band class 14 is installed. He said there was a presentation, but WebEx was not working, they will email out the presentation.

Interoperability

Jake Thompson said they met on May 16th and discussed the Fargo participation plan.

IPAWS - No meeting

Scott Haas said there currently there is no Chair, and committee is under review.

Some of the updates include:

Wireless Emergency Alerts available to IPAWS multi-lingual abilities possible for 2019. This would coincide with the WA messages to be increased to 360 characters. Washington State passed a law requiring multi-lingual alerting. TPT's new equipment installed in July will permit them to have multi-lingual alerting on one of their channels.

Finance/Grants Workgroup

Tretter said that the grants that were applied for in the region have been fully executed. Each region's grants will be discussed in a June 1st call.

There is a second application for the federal grant funds. For SIP enabled or planning, there is the HSHP grant for firewall grant.

There will be two (2) day courses on APX radio programming.

Super Bowl 52 Communications Workgroup

Rod Olson said there are multi groups meeting. There is a new expanded COML group. Olson asked TOC members to communicate with workgroup what events would be going on in their areas.

Tretter said there is a draft CONOPS document in progress and is due to planning group in August. Sara Boucher Jackson is running the COML workgroup to develop the ICS205.

Other Business

Regional Talkgroup Permissions Requests

None

Scott Haas asked for a last request to bring up any National Weather Service issues before the 30th.

Scott reminded the group the next TOC meeting June 28, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 1423.