

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2015

ATTENDEES: **Leo Dutton**, L&C Co. Sheriff; **Ron Baldwin**, State CIO; **Bob Drake**, **Joe Briggs**, MACO; **Geoff Feiss**, MTA; **Jon Swartz**, MDT (Alternate); **Tom Butler**, DOJ (Alternate); **Rhonda Fenner**, Office of Indian Affairs (Alternate); **Mike Doto**, MSVFA; **Brad Livingston**, DMA (Alternate); **Siri Smillie**, Governor's Office; **Bonnie Lorang**, MITS; **Geoff Feiss**, MTA; **Roger Nasset**, MACOP

GUESTS: **Bob Drake**, MSVA (Alternate); **Keith Cook**, Motorola Solutions; **Mike Feldman**, DOJ/MHP; **Mark Taylor**, Assoc. MT Troopers; **Quinn Ness**, DOA/SITSD; **Warren Dupuis**, DOA/SITSD; **Rhonda Sullivan**, DOA/SITSD; **Dan Sullivan**, DOA/SITSD; **Trudi Skari**, DOA/SITSD; **Chad Hultin**, DOA/SITSD; **Dale Osborn**, DOJ/MHP;

CONFERENCE CALL: **Dorothy Gremaux**, MLC&T (Alternate); **Charlie Gilmore**, L&C Co. **Andrea Beck**, Missoula Co.

Call to Order: The meeting of the Statewide Interoperability Governing Board (SIGB) was called to order at 1:30 pm by the Chairman, Sheriff Dutton. Introductions were complete.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Doto moved to accept the January minutes and Roger Nasset seconded. The motion passed.

Status Report - Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network: Warren Dupuis reported the following on the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) and Next Generation 9-1-1:

Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act)

Public Safety Trust Fund (SEC. 6413):

- (a) Establishment of Public Safety Trust Fund
 - (2) Funds will remain available through fiscal year 2022.
 - After 2022, funds will revert to the general fund of the U.S Treasury.
- (b) Use of Fund – used in the following order of priority:
 1. Repayment of amount borrowed by U.S. Department of Commerce/NTIA: \$2B
 2. State & Local Implementation Fund (SLIGP program): \$135M
 3. Build out by First Responder Network Authority: \$7B (reduced by the amount borrowed in #1 above).
 4. Deficit reduction: \$20.4 B.

5. 9-1-1, E9-1-1, and Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation grants: \$115M.
6. Additional deficit reduction.

Wireless Spectrum Auction

- The auction ended January 29, 2015 with a goal set by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of raising at least \$10.6B, but more than \$41B was raised. \$13.2B more than what was provided in the Act for FirstNet and 9-1-1.
 - AT&T won bids totally \$18.2B.
 - Verizon won bids \$10.4B.
 - T-Mobile won bids totally \$1.8B.

NG9-1-1 and FirstNet

- Linked in Federal Law (Act)
- Linked by Technology (ex: IP Networks)
- Industry quote: “Basically, all of the massive amounts of voice data and video, multimedia emergency-services information coming in from the public will come into the PSAP and—via those same kinds of IP pipes—go out over FirstNet to first responders.” Jay English, Director of Communications Center and 911 services, APCO

Acceleration of FirstNet Activities

- Due to funding becoming available, Warren stated there’s been a great deal of recent acceleration in FirstNet activities.

Status Report – Statewide Trunked LMR System: Quinn Ness reported on the following:

- The majority of LMR activity is currently in legislative activities.
- House Bill (HB) 10 was introduced in the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning.
- SIGB members Ron Baldwin, Bonnie Lorang and Colonel Tom Butler provided testimony during the subcommittee hearing in support of the \$2M appropriations request. The \$2M request is for the maintenance of the statewide trunked LMR system.
- Previous unexpended HB 10 appropriations were questioned regarding the current funding requests. It was clarified that the purpose of the 2007 appropriations were for the build-out of the statewide trunked LMR system.
- The statewide trunked LMR system hardware and software project, which include the upgrade from Version 7.7 to 7.11, is fully complete. \$1.6 million from the 2013 HB10 appropriation was disbursed for the upgrade.
- The Motorola Solutions equipment extended warranties project is ongoing. A majority of the counties have submitted requests for the extended warranties and funding agreements have been executed. The department has not received responses from Dawson and Powell counties.

Public Comment:

- Bob Drake expressed concern about the slow progress in completing the microwave backbone. Discussion ensued and it was concluded that Roger Smith should bring any related information to their working group meeting tomorrow, to include discussion as to whether fiber could be an option and if funding is available.
- Dale Osborn reported that he and Roger Smith recently discussed the Aviat Networks proposal with VisionNet and it was discovered that none of the three remaining sites have either copper or fiber facilities required for completion. Roger is still waiting for an update from VisionNet.
- Siri Smillie commented on Governor Bullock's recent letter submitted to the SIGB regarding their recent recommendations, and reported that Governor Bullock appreciated the notification.
- Brad Livingston reported that it's DHS grant season. The Senior Advisory Council (SAC) will review applications and provide the distribution of funds. There is approximately \$3.7M awaiting approval by congress, and as soon as this happens notifications will be sent. As a SAC member/observer, it seems there is no standardization at times, so Brad requested advice from the SIGB in providing direction on standards for land mobile radio equipment purchases.
- Sheriff Dutton informed Brad that the latest standards are APCO Project 25 (P25) Standards.
- Sheriff Dutton inquired as to the progress of implementing the new 9-1-1 Advisory Council Board, and Siri Smillie stated she will request an update. Once the Order is executed, membership appointments can begin, which typically take 60 to 90 days.
- Dale Osborn stated that portable and mobile radios being purchased are not just Motorola equipment, but are from several manufacturers. Dale, Jack Spillman and Charlie Gilmore will be evaluating all purchased radios to ensure they work with the trunked system and meet P25 standards.
- Tom Butler reported he has made several attempts to contact tribal representatives with no response. Brad Livingston stated that he will contact Robert DeRosier.

Meeting Schedule/Adjournment: The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the Department of Transportation, Commissions Room. The meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.