

**State of Connecticut**  
**Public Safety Interoperability Executive Committee**  
**DESPP HQ – 1111 Country Club Road Room 349**  
**Middletown, Connecticut**

**Tuesday February 18, 2020 1300 hrs**  
**Meeting Notes**

A quorum was established.

Members:

John Gustafson – DEMHS	Philip Mikan – USCG
Nick Carlone – DOT	Robert DiBella – Glastonbury/CEMA via C/C
Betty Morris – NC-CMED Representing CMEDs via C/C	Kris Wohlgemuth - DEMHS
Mark Gorka – DSET	William Hackett – DEMHS-SWIC
Peter Giammarco – Verizon Wireless	Chris Tuttle – CISA R1/R2
Wayne Gronlund – ESF #2 Cahir R4 Via C/C	Richard LaSaracina – MPTN via C/C
Robert Drozynski – DEMHS	Joe Gaudett – Stamford ESF #1 Chair R1
Gary McCarraher – FirstNet	Judith Reynolds – DPH
Keith Victor – ESF #2 Chair R3 Via C/C	Scott Wright – DSET/CTS via C/C
Jacob Manke - DEMHS	

Public Comment: Peter Giammarco – Verizon Wireless Government Services  
November 2019, December 2019, January 2020 site completions

Branchville	Somers	Ridgefield	Darien
Danbury (2)	Yale	Manchester	Bristol
Terryville	Avon	Ledyard	New Britain
MT Southington	Georgetown	Hartford (10)	Xfinity - DAS
Wethersfield	Trumbull	Stamford	Southington
Burlington	Newington	Bridgeport	

Approval of January 2020 minutes – Motion made by Keith Victor, seconded by Wayne Gronlund to approve minutes.

SWIC Update – Director Hackett

Scott Wright has been appointed as a member at large of SAFECOM

DEMHS EMAP re-accreditation week of 2/24/2020 for EMAP. ESF #2 (Communications) is a huge component and thanks the group for their hard work.

Chair Report – John Gustafson reported phase 2 of the 8Call90 portables is underway for R2 and R5. An order will be placed for R4 later this year.

CISA TA EFOG-The CTFOG, once cleaned up will be converted to electronic format for both Android and Apple platforms – expected to be done late fall early winter 2020.

Technical Committee – Scott Wright reported CISA TA EFOG-The CTFOG, once cleaned up will be converted to electronic format for both Android and Apple platforms.

Broadband Working Group – The next deep dive AT&T FirstNet meeting for those members with State Plan Access is March 20, 2020. (Actual date changed to 3/11/2020)

CMEDs- Betty Morris next meeting 3/11/2020 preliminary discussions concerning the use of the State Trunked Radio System to support CMED Communications.

Training and Exercise – Wayne Gronlund and Keith Victor - Planning is underway for April 2020 COMEX to allow for COMT, COML, and AUXCOMM class graduates to get their task books signed off. Need qualified staff to assist. Currently we are short COML and COMT evaluators. MCV 3, CTS Command Vehicle and East Lyme Amateur trailer have been secured. April 14<sup>th</sup> is the next planning meeting at Brainard.

Maritime Working Group – Looking to establish a chairperson for the group.

Region 8 and Region 19 – Scott Wright report the R-19 meets monthly. R-8 The State of Connecticut and the region have applications in. is 3/10/2020 in Connecticut.

#### Regional Reports

Region 1 – Joseph Gaudette – R1 meets monthly and plans to leverage the momentum of CTS efforts.

Region 2 – No report

Region 3 – Keith Victor MOU in place for use of the State Trunked radio system. Region 3 STOCs batteries have been replaced.

Region 4 – Wayne Gronlund, Boot Camp held for Region 2 with 12 students in attendance. R4 command staff inter-ops training March 18, 2020 East Great Plain Norwich CT. MCV 4 UPS batteries replaced.

Region 5 – John Gustafson reported the Vertical Lift Antenna project has been sent to FEMA for review

CTS- Scott Wright reported they continue to work with the local agencies in joining the State Trunked Radio System, Norwich and Bloomfield in Spring 2020. January 2020 4.8 million P t T with 508,000 minutes of talk time. Harris and Motorola training occurring in March 2020 in Connecticut. Middletown ISSI connection working well, there will be a system update in fall 2020.

MPTN – Rich LaSaracina reported they continue to work on interoperability issues with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians.

CISA – Chris Tuttle, Ongoing events for Connecticut

4 State (NY-NJ-PA-CT) Communications underway, Technical Assistance approved for SCIP Plan, Aux COMM Class (Regional held in CT) and E-FOG. 2020 SAFECOM Grant Guidance came out today (2/18/2020) FY 2020 Preparedness grants came out 3.8% increase, added 4 priority areas including elections security. Chris added he would be staffing the ESF #3 desk in Maynard for NLE 2020.

FirstNet- Gary McCarraher report Mike Varney has been promoted to Director of Field Services for all the US. Staff is gathering information for the FirstNet Board of Directors to consider for the next step investments in Fall 2020. Planning continues for the CT FirstNet Summit (Sept/Oct 2020), The Government Accounting Office (GAO) issued a FirstNet report with positive comments and areas of improvement. Improvements, Connect more with SPOCs, Develop a way to get feedback from end users, AT&T is at 80% buildout.

Old Business – 4 state planning need to verify mobile communications assets and cache radios

New Business – Introduced, 8Call90 Control Station Use Resolution for Region 2 PSAP to PSAP communications. There is no requirement to spread this statewide, send comments prior to the next meeting.

Emergency Management Symposium – April 30, 2020 Aria Prospect, CT

The State of CT is operating under the pre-activation Framework for the Corona Virus monitoring posture with daily conference calls.

Grant Approvals – VEOCI for R1 and R2 Haz Mat team administrative support.

Motion made to adjourn

Recorded by:

Robert Drozynski

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