

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

**Tuesday January 21, 2020 1300 hrs  
Meeting Notes**

A quorum was established.

Members:

John Gustafson – DEMHS

Nick Carlone – DOT

Robert DiBella – Glastonbury/CEMA

Vaughn Dumas – SWRCC

Peter Giammarco – Verizon Wireless

Wayne Gronlund – ESF #2 Cahir R4 Via C/C

Robert Drozynski – DEMHS

Danny Stebbins – AT&T

Keith Victor – ESF #2 Chair R3

Philip Mikan – USCG

Clayton Northgraves – DSET/CTS

Betty Morris – NC-CMED Representing CMEDs via C/C

Mark Gorka - DSET

Chris Tuttle – CISA R1/R2

Richard LaSaracina - MPTN

Gregg Prevost – VSECC

Judith Reynolds – DPH

Scott Wright – DSET/CTS via C/C

Public Comment: Clayton Northgraves introduced Mark Gorka, a new DSET employee who has been assisting with the MOUs for towns and cities joining the State Trunked Radio System.

Approval of October 2019 minutes – Mmby Keith Victor, second by Wayne Gronlund to approve minutes.

SWIC Update – Director Hackett

Pre-activation section of the State Response Framework is being followed for planning with DPH regarding the Coronavirus response

DEMHS is in the process of re-accreditation for EMAP which is done every five years. ESF #2 (Communications) is a huge component and thanks the group for their hard work.

A scoping call was conducted for the SCIP update planned for late summer early fall 2020

The SWIC is involved in the VOIP dialing issue for 9-1-1 and the Everbridge notification issue

NCSWIC conference calls continue. When he cannot participate Bob Drozynski or John Gustafson does.

Chair Report – John Gustafson reported In the years past local outages were local offices, now when the carriers have issues it effects larger parts of the state.

CISA is leading a Multi-State (NY, NJ, PA, &CT) Regional Planning Initiative. There will be a Connecticut Specific meeting January 29, 2020 at DESPP HQ. Chris Tuttle added this is a strategic versus a down in the weeds document.

COMEX planning meeting on 2/5/2020 for the May 1-2, 2020 COMEX at CT Fire Academy.

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.

Chris Tuttle, CISA – Reported on the SCIP plan process which includes stakeholder surveys. Strategic in nature for 1-3 years out. It will be about 10-15 pages and is intended to be referred to daily. This plan will help support funding requests, training requests. (A slide deck was sent to the SIEC membership with the details)

Technical Committee – Scott Wright reported there has been limited meetings due to workload. He has distributed the Florida EMS Communications Plan and the Merrimack Valley Gas Incident AAR which includes communications information. In March there will be Motorola APX and Harris Classes.

Broadband Working Group – 100% of the DEMHS Staff have switched over to FirstNet. NightHawk Mi-Fi units are tending to drop data, Netgear is researching. The next deep dive AT&T FirstNet meeting for those members with State Plan Access is March 20, 2020.

CMEDs- Betty Morris reported the group met the P25 CMED Sub-Committee continues to discuss the use of the State Trunked Radio System to support CMED Communications. A survey will be conducted concerning where agencies stand with possibly replacing their existing UHF radios.

Robert DiBella asked if the medics were using radio spectrum to transmit EKGs to the hospitals. Currently they are using cell phones.

Training and Exercise – MCV Bootcamp in Region 2 this week (1/29&30/2020) 12 students. Planning is underway for April 2020 COMEX to allow for COMT, COML, and AUXCOMM class graduates to get their task books signed off.

Air Operations – No report

Maritime Working Group – Work continues in identifying the shoreline and Connecticut River towns/cities and the Law Enforcement-Fire-EMS and CMED dispatch centers. Also looking to establish a chair person for the group.

Region 8 and Region 19 – Scott Wright report the R-19 meeting is 3/10/2020 in Connecticut. There is a change in 800 MHz parameters – contact the Technical committee before submitting an application. No update on T-Band radio frequencies.

Regional Reports

Region 1 – No report (They may have interest in a PSAP to PSAP system similar to R2)

Region 2 – Met with PSAP Directors to discuss the point to point all hazards radio system, working on a timeline for equipment and use of existing 8Call90 control stations. Inter-op Communications used for Old Saybrook shoreline house fires, East Haddam Structure Fire with units from R2-R3-R4 and Rubbish Fire in Middletown.

Region 3 – Keith Victor reported effective 2/1/2020 TN is not sing fireground red or blue and have new frequency assignments.

CTS Staff (Clayton Northgraves and Pat Tagney) helped out when the West Hartford Radio System failed around Thanksgiving 2019. West Hartford is now online with their P25 system. ESF #2 is looking at the Intercity talk group.

Region 4 – Wayne Gronlund, MCV4 roster, mileage and insurance information all set to Mike Caplet for D/C Rush Kittle. The generator in MCV is having annual service. R4 still planning for the command staff inter-ops training.

Region 5 – No report

USCG – No report

CTS- Scott Wright reported they are adding users to the State trunked radio system at a great pace. Norwich and Bloomfield sites are under construction. A CSSI Connection has been made for Valley Shore ECC, Middletown ISSI in a few weeks. Phase 4 of the build out will be adding more sites and capacity. Working on the master system key project. CTS has recently executed a long term maintenance agreement which will save the State \$4.5 million over the course of the contract.

CTS is working with City of New Britain for shared resources. Federal agency coordination continues. R2 and R5 8Call90 portables are in progress.

The P25 committee is meeting next week, let Scott know if you are having any issues with Vendors and he can speak directly with them.

MPTN – MPTN Fire Department has received 57 new NXDN P25 portable and mobile radios. The IAWS system has been implemented. MPTN is using Everbridge for alerting options with a good number of subscribers. They continue to work with the Federal Government over IPAWS recognition, legal matters have it tied up at this time.

Old Business – None

New Business – Nick Carlone suggued a training day with the vendors so they can help resolve programming issues (Naming of channels, EX STOKS vs STOCS and get the inter ops frequencies correct)

Grant Approvals – VEOCI for Haz Mat team administrative support. WebEOC is the system of record and needs to be used for resource requests and situational awareness.

Motion made to adjourn by Keith Victor, second Robert DiBella – all in favor.

Recorded by:

Robert Drozynski

DEMHS/EMPS

