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## Public Safety Communications Commission

### PSCC Interoperability Executive Committee Wyoming State Forestry and Phone Conference Call November 22, 2013

Chairman Billy Janes call the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Attendees: Billy Janes – Chairman – Phone, Robert Johnson , Jim Frank, Jim Archerd, , Skip Hornecker – Phone, William Walter – Phone, Ron Graham – Forestry, Chris Fallbeck - Forestry and Bob Symons

Bob Symons presented the Communication Unit Policies and Procedures and Recognition procedures. A sub-work group consisting of Jim Frank and Jim Archerd – WOHS communication officers, Cy Cass - Laramie Fire Department, Chuck Trimble – Laramie County Combined Communications, Steve Zimmerman – Cheyenne Fire Department and Bob Symons worked through a Department of Homeland Security – Office of Emergency Communications technical assistance team on the development of the Communication Unit Policies and Procedures. The PSCC, at the September meeting, requested the work group work with Wyoming State Forestry on the recognition program.

Ron Graham, Wyoming Forestry Fire Management Officer and Chris Fallbeck, Wyoming Forestry Assistant Fire Management Officer stated Wyoming Forestry already has a certification process for Wildland Firefighter Certification and the Communication Unit recognition could fit within that program. Mr. Graham will involve the Wyoming Rural Firefighters Training Committee for their blessing of the program. This interagency committee reviews the certification process for Wyoming Forestry. Wyoming Forestry has an Incident Qualification System (IQS) to track the recognition process. Instead of a national level recognition, the recognition would be at the state level and not part of the national resource ordering program.

The recognition for the Wyoming Communications Unit would be Type 3 All Hazards recognition and the national level is for a Type 2 or Type 1. Discussion on inviting the Rural Firefighters Training Committee to add a member to the Communication Unit Work Group. The Rural Firefighters Training Committee will be meeting the first week of December and the PSCC request could be reviewed at that time.

**Robert Johnson made a motion to forward the Communications Unit Program to the Wyoming Rural Firefighters Training Committee for their review. The motion was seconded by William Walter and approved on a voice vote.**

Being no further business, Chairman Janes adjourned the meeting at 10:22 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Symons  
PSCC Administrative Support