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Public Safety Communications Commission

WyoLink Operations Work Group Meeting
December 4, 2015

Phone Conference Call and Wyoming Office of Homeland Security

Chairman Brian Eggleston called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Phone Conference Call: Brian Eggleston, Carl Freeman, Skip Hornecker, Dwane Pacheco and Zack Thorington and Wyoming Office of Homeland Security – Marty McCoy, Jim Frank, Jim Archerd, Parry Bauer, Captain Josh Walther Bob Symons, Dave Riegert, and Dan Perko

Welcome New Members – Josh Walther – Wyoming Highway Patrol, Dwane Pacheco – Rock Springs Police Chief, and Zack Thorington – Park County Sheriff's Office

Approval of WyoLink Application

Chairman Eggleston presented the WyoLink Applications. The applications received include: Fremont County School District #2, Mortimore Ambulance Service, Carbon County School District #1, Thermopolis Police Department, Hot Springs County Road & Bridge, Washakie County School District #2, and Sundance EMS. Mortimore Ambulance Service is a contractor to Hot Springs County and received the support of Hot Springs County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Marty McCoy made a motion to approve the WyoLink applications and forward to the PSCC for approval. Skip Hornecker seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote

WyoLink Busy Report

WyoLink Support Manager Marty McCoy presented the busy report for the fire in Natrona County on October 11, 2015. Between 2:10 pm and 8:10 pm on October 11, 2015 WyoLink experienced 1240 busy indications on the Casper Mountain VHF site. During the same time period WyoLink experienced 17 busy indications on the Casper POE site. During the Casper fire there were 203 talkgroups affiliated to the WyoLink sites.

During the evaluation of WyoLink operations during the October 11th fire it was noted that there was one channel at the Casper Mountain VHF site which was not configured for voice traffic and the result was there were five usable channels instead of six. If this channel would have been available the busy rate would have been significantly less. The WyoLink Office has reviewed all site configurations and only found this one problem, which has been resolved. There was very little use of the CAT or MAT interoperability talkgroups.

Has a review of all WyoLink talkgroups been completed? Are there talkgroups that are not being used? WyoLink will review all talkgroups and develop a use ranking files.

The Casper 800 MHz site is a 12 channel site, Casper Mountain VHF site is a seven channel site and Casper POE is a five channel site. Marty McCoy has asked Motorola to provide a budget to increase the number of channels on the Casper Mountain VHF site.

Interoperability is a two pronged approach, technology and the human factor. Both of these approaches need to be considered when improving interoperable communications.

Sublette County/Bondurant Area Coverage

Marty McCoy provided information on a proposed site in Sublette County providing coverage in the Bondurant area. Monument Ridge was being evaluated for a possible site, but the Forest Service note states that all other possibilities must be vetted before a lease application would be reviewed by the Forest Service. The Sublette County site at Kismet is being reviewed as a possible replacement site. Marty McCoy provided some projected coverage maps for the proposed sites and with the current site on Aspen Ridge. The coverage south of Pinedale has been augmented by the new site at White Pine. Aspen Ridge site will continue to be microwave site if the WyoLink equipment is moved.

Dave Riegert made a motion to have the WyoLink Support Office develop an engineering and cost study for the sharing and development of the Kismet site in Sublette County and move the discussion to the PSCC. The motion was seconded by Skip Hornecker and passed on a voice vote.

Being no further business Chairman Brian Eggleston requested a motion to adjourn. **Marty McCoy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Archerd and passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons