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Proceedings:

The Quarterly KWIEC meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Jim Barnhart. Roll was called with the following members responding:

Members Present: Jim Barnhart, Terry Stephens, Don Pendleton, Brad Bates, Mike Fields, Rodney Hays – Todd Hushing Proxy, Rodney Murphy, Lonnie Lawson - Danny Ball Proxy, Michael Gribbin,.

Members calling in: Fred Engel, Shelby Lawson, Pam Collins, Rebecca Hopkins, Mitch Mitchell.

Quorum Present: Yes

Jim called for any discussion on the last quarter's meeting minutes. With there being none a vote was called and the minutes were approved.

Chairperson's Report (Briefed by Chuck Miller):

- Fred Engel has joined the KWIEC and replaces Mike Harris as the KET voting member
- The Governor's Office has not sent out the new/renewal appointments yet
- We will have to make additional changes to the SCIP next year since Kentucky has lost Louisville as a UASI among other things
- The new KEWS public safety infrastructure's capabilities will be briefed next quarter
- The 2011 Annual Report on Public Safety Communications Interoperability was submitted to the Governor's office on time and is available on the KWIEC website
- The PSWG and Facilitator reviewed over 100 public safety communications project grants submitted to KOHS for this grant cycle
- Over 80% of wireless projects submitted for grants was compliant with the OEC and KWIEC requirements so the word is getting out
- The KWIEC Goals
 - Broadband Data – Kentucky is waiting on Federal Government decisions
 - KEWS - the Eastern Sixty Day performance evaluation was restarted and should be accepted in December
 - Statewide Regional Interoperability Groups – there is no current funding

Funding Initiative Workgroup Report (Briefed by Brad Bates):

- The FIWG was asked to look into innovative ways to fund public safety infrastructure projects – the Indiana system is one that is currently being researched for ideas
 - The Indiana Public Safety Communications Committee (IPSCC) is the KWIEC equivalent
 - In 2002 Indiana attached a \$1.25 transaction fee to all their motor vehicle transactions which earned \$39 million in the first three to four years
 - A combination of bond, Federal Earmarks, Grants, and the indicated transaction fee was used to construct a network similar to the KEWS network

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- These funds were overseen by the IPSCC for the infrastructure project and they continue to accumulate to provide operating capital
- Local agency's are required to purchase their own hand held and mobile equipment and are not charged user fees
- they worked very closely with their Department of Transportation to use roadside right-of-ways and other localities that the State had access to
- The total system cost approx \$79 million dollars, has been an ongoing project since 1992, and came in well under budget estimates

Brad emphasized that fees are unpopular and would require a statutory change but it's something we must consider since large earmarks or grants will be unlikely in the near future.

Derek Nesselrode said that there was a recent poll asking how other states are funding their systems and would share it with the Funding Group.

Public Safety Working Group Report (Briefed by Derek Nesselrode):

- The OEC requirement for goal 2 on reporting on all 120 counties was completed this week with the assistance of Homeland Security and KCTCS
- The PSAPs in each of the counties was used those for the initial outreach; wherever there were holes contact was made with county Emergency Managers or others in the Public Safety community
- The data is generic without specific information on assets; it's more of a benchmark of their capabilities and ability to respond and communicate in an emergency
- The evaluation was broken down into different categories using an actual event or exercise which measured capabilities and ability to respond – we have a strong 'C'
- September 20th the House Legislation for narrowbanding bill was released proposing 400 million dollars in grant funding but it may be too little too late
- The looming question on narrowbanding is - will they extend the deadline
- LightSquared was granted FCC approval for the 2 GHz satellite band; they proposed an eight year build out for a combination LTE cellular and satellite network to provide broadband. Their frequencies are adjacent to the GPS frequencies which has caused major interference concerns. The FAA alone stated that they estimate at least 800 casualties due to this GPS interference.
- Public safety radio systems such as simulcast systems and digital microwave networks including KEWS use GPS for timing their network.
- Broadband 700 MHz has not had a lot of changes. There seems to a political divide over auctioning off spectrum or providing spectrum for public safety.
- At the TICP update meeting with Jefferson County it was decided to expand the region for their interoperability group to add their surrounding counties so now they have a working regional interoperability group. Resource sharing using interstate and intrastate assets and designing MOUs to allow for this sharing is being looked at.

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Rodney Murphy commented that it appears that 70% of Kentucky's Counties are at intermediate or below.

Derek said the information that was compiled was only as good as what was received. There may have been some confusion and some agencies should have scored much higher but didn't because they didn't understand the form. Consider this report as a baseline.

CASM asset management is looking good with Louisville completed and the State assets being well along. The County assets can/will be entered in the future.

Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Project (Briefed by Jim Bidding):

{The full briefing with slides will be made available upon request to anyone desiring it}

- The project encompasses the ten county region around Lexington located near the Lexington Blue Grass Army Depot and its chemical stockpile
- The goal of the project is to provide maximum protection for the community's in and around these chemical locations
- The project is multifaceted encompassing 911, Land Mobile Radio, emergency operations centers, emergency alerting, and other public safety upgrades
- They provide guidance, funding, expertise, project management, interoperability planning, assistance in developing and implementing emergency alerting standards, frequency coordination for narrowbanding licensing, and other types of support and funding applicable to the project
- Funding is available for upgrades from proprietary digital voice radios to open standard digital P-25 but some agencies have chosen to turn down the funding and stay with a proprietary radio system which will limit their interoperability in the future
- No one is forced to do anything, it's a collaborative process
- The CSEPP Alert Warning Program is fairly standardized in each of the CSEPP regions throughout the nation (sirens, message boards, NOAA, reverse 911, etc).
- Comparing the CSEPP initiatives with KWIEC initiatives shows many opportunities for a partnership

Open Discussion

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be in mid December.

With there being no further business, Jim adjourned the meeting.