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### **Proceedings:**

The Quarterly KWIEC meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Acting Chair Terry Stephens. Terry welcomed the new members appointed to the KWIEC.

Roll was called with the following members responding:

**Members Present:** Terry Stephens, Fred Engle, Randy White, Brad Bates, Mike Fields, Ken Jorette, Rodney Hayes, Rodney Murphy, Doyle Friskney, William Marcum, Mike Daly, Mike Gribbin.

**Members calling in:** Shelby Lawson, Rebecca Hopkins, Mitch Mitchell, Joe Barrows.

**Quorum Present:** Yes

Terry called for 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):**

- 1) KWIEC Membership - four new members were appointed; the EMS seat is vacant and is being checked into.
- 2) The SCIP - a planned review was delayed; the review is now planned for April.
- 3) Annual Public Safety Report – it's due again in Sep.
- 4) Wireless Project Reviews - the KWIEC Assessment Form was updated for 2012; KOHS has the new form; Grants reviews have not been scheduled with Homeland Security yet.
- 5) Infrastructure Funding – this issue will be noted in the Annual report. A letter may be drafted to the legislature.
- 6) Narrowbanding – funding issues will likely cause Kentucky to miss this deadline.
- 7) KWIEC Goals - no additional goals will be added this year.

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

- 1) OEC and SAFECOM Guidelines - technical guidance is unchanged; funding priorities have shifted from equipment to governance, planning, training and exercises. Many specialized grants have been eliminated and all funding sources have been significantly reduced.
- 2) LightSquared and GPS - NTIA and SEC blocked the LightSquared plan to build; there is no way to mitigate interference with current GPS and aviation equipment.
- 3) "D Block" and the National Broad Band Network – the "D Block" is now assigned to public safety for a national broadband network; funding and governance (First Net) are being set up; States can request to opt-out if there is a good reason. A lot of research needs to be done. Recommend setting up a workgroup to address this.

### **[FORMAL CREATION OF THE BROADBAND WORKING GROUP]**

*Recommendation* - Creation of a broadband working group composed of stakeholders and SMEs to evaluate, work with First Net, and make recommendations and providing

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briefings to the Governor and the KWIEC. The SWIC should Chair this group and select from stakeholder members to sit on this workgroup. Initial tasking will be to establish the group and prepare a briefing to the Governor's Office.

A motion from Chief Gribbin to create this working group as recommended was made. It was seconded by Mike Fields and unanimously approved by the KWIEC.

### **New Business and Open Discussion**

#### **Real World Events – Interoperable Communications update (Briefed by Paul See):**

*{A report on the West Liberty tornados and Lexington's response and after actions report}*

Lexington deployed first responder resources to assist West Liberty during their recent disaster and found the following:

- Initial reports greatly underreported the damage and assistance needed
- Once there, the Assistance Team tried to coordinate using interoperability frequencies. West Liberty didn't have them programmed into their radios and Morgan County doesn't have a Mutual Aid agreement with KSP to use those Mutual Aid frequencies.
- We're no farther along than we were five years ago in trying to get the word out on the interoperability frequencies and trying to get agencies to program them in their radios.
- Limited COML training also was a factor – (to set up the patches, coordinate frequency between multiple agencies, etc.)

Concerns – How did this oversight occur when?

- An interoperability MOU is required for grant funding
- Communications projects are audited for compliance
- Exercises test these capabilities

How do we guarantee that all radios are programmed with interoperable channels and that they stay programmed?

We need to find fund for outreach programs, additional COML training, and better audits and regional interoperability exercises.

#### **After Action Report for West Liberty Disaster (Briefed by Col Hays):**

Interoperability Communications

- FEMA sent a team in for Morgan and Magoffin County in the wake of the incident, and the radios have been reprogrammed
- they didn't know they needed them programmed - it's a lack of education

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### Training

- DHS and OEC provided instructors for COML
- FEMA Region Four Resource Allocation Workshop - prepare resources so we can deploy each other's resources during an event
- The PSWG is drafting (with OHS and OEC) a KY FOG listing emergency information for distribution to Kentucky Counties

### Incident response – West Liberty - things did not go as well as hoped at a state level

- Mobile Command Vehicles and the Emergency Response Trailers that went in were overwhelmed
- a qualified communications leader in place focusing resources was needed
- Some resources were offered but not accepted by the Local agencies - they didn't know what they were turning down. Results - Fifty county personal trying to operate county government out of one van.
- The handling of 911 calls routed those through a single emergency command vehicles was overwhelming

### **Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be in late June 2012.

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