

Kansas SIEC
Joint Planning Session
December 11, 2008

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in joint session with the Communications Advisory Committee on December 11, 2008. The planning session was held at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy in Salina. The meeting was called to order at 09:10 a.m.

Members present. Kent Koehler, Richard Old, Jimmy Reed, Ray Smee (Proxy / Tyler Brewer), Ed Geer (Proxy / Secretary Miller), Col. Chris Stratmann (Proxy / Gen. Bunting), Randy Moon (Proxy / Col. Maple), Bob McLemore, and Kerry McCue.

Others present. Members of the Communications Advisory Committee (see attached list), Jason Moses, Lt. Scott Harrington (KHP), Capt. John Eichkorn (KHP/HLS), Mr. Bret Rowe (KHP/HLS), Lt. Robin Reitmeyer (KHP/HLS), Vicki Shanley (KDOT).

Call to order. The joint planning session was called to order by Richard Old, Vice-Chair.

Coordinators Report: Jason Moses presented the joint session with a report of recent activities including outreach and grant related projects. Moses also introduced the FY 2009 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP). The total Kansas award for 2009 was \$398,560.00. Similar to 2008, grant guidance requires an 80% pass-through. The state will receive \$79,711.96 and will pass \$45,549.72 to each of the 7 Homeland Security Regions. FY 2009 guidance allows for funds to be expended on planning, training, exercise, and equipment. Equipment expenditures will require a 25% match and can only be used if other criteria have been met. The Kansas grant application is due to the Department of Homeland Security no later than January 13, 2009.

Planning Presentation: Jason Moses led the joint session through a planning process developed to identify future goals and initiatives to be incorporated into the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan. Each of the five elements of the SAFECOM Interoperability Continuum was addressed and membership provided feedback on potential future needs. Once complete, the joint session was asked to prioritize the identified needs.

Kent Koehler arrived at 12:40 p.m.

Members of the Communications Advisory Committee were dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 29, 2008 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Bob McLemore made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jimmy Reed seconded. Motion Carried unanimously. **(Action #08-29)**

Plan update: Moses discussed the need to update the SCIP and looked for course of action concerning the development of goals and initiatives from information gained during the joint planning session. It was the consensus of the committee to hold the next meeting on February 12th in Topeka. Moses will prepare a written document indicating participant responses during the joint planning session. The Department of Homeland Security / Office of Emergency Communications would like to come to Kansas to present a SCIP Implementation Workshop. The workshop would likely take a full day. It was the consensus of the committee to schedule the workshop in Salina after the end of the legislative session.

Election of Officers: The committee discussed the need to elect the Chairperson for 2009. Jimmy Reed made a motion to nominate Kent Koehler and Richard Old to retain the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Kerry McCue seconded. Discussion followed on nomination and election procedures. It was the consensus of the committee to ensure that all nominations were heard prior to voting. Randy Moon nominated Tyler Brewer as Chairperson on behalf of Terry Maple. Jimmy Reed and Kerry McCue withdrew their original motion and asked the committee to proceed with open nomination. Jimmy Reed nominated Kent Koehler as Chairperson. Randy Moon nominated Tyler Brewer as Chairperson on behalf of Terry Maple. Ray Smee moved to cease nominations. Bob McLemore seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **(Action #08-30)** Bob McLemore made a motion to vote by show of hands. Kerry McCue seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **(Action #08-31)** The nominations went to a vote by the committee with 3 votes for Tyler Brewer and 4 votes for Kent Koehler, with Kent Koehler abstaining. Kent Koehler was elected as Chairperson for 2009. **(Action #08-32)**

Logo design contest: There were 8 entries in the SIEC logo design contest. The voting process undertaken by public-safety practitioners resulted in a winner by one vote. Moses asked if the committee wanted to honor the vote. Committee members requested to see the top two entries. The top two entries were shown to the committee. Randy Moon made a motion to accept entry #2 as the logo for the Kansas SIEC with the addition of the word "Kansas". Ed Geer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **(Action #08-33)**

SCIP re-alignment: Kent Koehler discussed the proposed PSIC project submitted by the South Central Homeland Security Region and the issue of technology compliance with PSIC Grant standards. Capt. John Eichkorn of the Kansas Highway Patrol / Homeland Security Operations indicated that he had sent information to PSIC grant managers for program review concerning the proposed project. The information sent for review had been submitted by members of the South Central Homeland Security Regional Council. Capt. Eichkorn said that in response to the request, PSIC Grant managers indicated that under the current PSIC Investment Justification (IJ) and the

Kansas SCIP, the portion of the proposed project which would purchase analog only mobile and portable equipment would not be acceptable. PSIC Grant managers said that similar equipment that is P-25 upgradeable could be purchased, but would require a revision to the Kansas PSIC IJ. Discussion followed on the Kansas PSIC IJ, the needs of the South Central Region, and the potential impact of an IJ revision to the overall Kansas PSIC project. Michele (Shelly) Abbott-Becker, a member of the South Central Regional Homeland Security Council, requested to speak. Shelly spoke of the needs of the region that were reflected in the regional project, the fact that the cost of the P-25 upgradeable equipment will lessen the overall desired outcome of the project, and reminded the committee that the project also included funds to upgrade two KDOT sites with MOTOBRIDGE equipment and it was the intent of the project to supply responders with equipment that would interoperate with MOTOBRIDGE and other similar systems by using the narrowbanded interoperability channels. Jimmy Reed reinforced that although P-25 upgradeability may required by the grant guidance, it would be highly unlikely that any of the equipment would be upgraded to P-25 within its life-cycle. Kent Koehler entertained a motion for action on the PSIC IJ. Jimmy Reed made a motion to re-write the PSIC IJ to reflect the purchase of P-25 upgradeable equipment. Kerry McCue seconded. There was more discussion on the impact to the South Central project, what would or would not be solved by allowing the purchase of P-25 upgradeable equipment, and the potential negative impact to future grant programs if the IJ were to be changed. After the discussion, Kent Koehler called for a vote on the motion. Jimmy Reed and Kent Koehler voted to approve with all other members voting no. Motion failed. No action was taken with regards to the Kansas PSIC IJ or SCIP.

Adjourn: with no further business before the committee, Jimmy Reed made a motion to adjourn. Randy Moon seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **(Action #08-34)**

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

Kent Koehler, Chairperson