

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**Public Safety Interoperability Communications Committee**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 17, 2009**  
**DOT Research Lab, 280 West Street, Rocky Hill**

**Welcome & Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order at 1310 hours by John Gustafson, DEMHS. He announced that Co-Chairs Bill Hackett and Mike Varney were not in attendance and he will be chairing the meeting in their absence. The following individuals were in attendance: Stephan Brown (DOT/Bradley), George Carbonell (DOT), Anthony Diaz (Hamden PD), Robert DiBella (DEMHS), Michael Dion (Military), Jim Farkas (Region 5), Kerry Flaherty (City of Stamford), Charles Fuller (OSET), John Gustafson (DEMHS), Joseph Gaudett (City of Bridgeport), Jeff Merwin (Region 1), Philip Mikan (USCG), Jeff Otto (Region 4), Jordon Murdock (CTNG), Gregg Prevost (Region 2), Gerald Sakalouski (DOC), Gordon Shand (DPH), Matt Valteau (CAP/DPS), Edward Wilds (DEP), Paul Zito (DPS), Bob Davis (Verizon Wireless), Bob Prince (Motorola), Paul Scarcella (Hamden P.D.), Joseph Soto (Greenwich EMS), Scott Faber (Sprint), and Alberto Bettelli (Sprint)

**Public Comment:**

None

**Review of Minutes:**

Motion to accept meeting notes of December 16, 2008 - first by George Carbonell and seconded by Jeff Otto; unanimously approved;

Motion to accept meeting notes of January 20, 2009 – first by Gregg Prevost and seconded by George Carbonell; unanimously approved.

**PSIC Grant Update:**

MOAs are at 96%. 11 towns are outstanding.

Chuck Fuller provided an update on IJ1. John Gustafson reported on IJ2 & IJ3.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

- a. Technical Workgroup – The workgroup is working on the battery issue and increasing the number of members on the technical committee.
- b. Training & Exercise Workgroup – There is a clear need to expand and enhance first responder training to insure the proper and timely use of the interoperability systems deployed thus far. Information and training does not seem to be reaching the practitioners on the ground.
- c. 700 MHz Planning Workgroup – No report
- d. 4.9 GHz Workgroup – No Report

**Report of Interoperability Usage and incidents during previous months:**

No written report submitted.

**Old Business:**

- a. Status on Portable Radio Inventory & Training Programs – The Battery exchange program should roll out in March; this will be an excellent opportunity to bring the ICALL/ITAC Inventory up to date. The ICALL/ITAC Training program is being updated to reflect the recent enhancements to the system.
- b. Transit Security Grant – The Transit Security Grant has been modified. The basic project will provide for the establishment of a new “Transit Talk Group” on the Troop G CSP radio system, deployment of additional control stations in PSAP’s and communications centers along the rail corridor from Greenwich to New Haven. The establishing of a link between CSP Troop G and the MTA Dispatch center to allow for patching of the “Transit Security Talk Group” to the MTA radio system, and the upgrade of ICALL/ITAC portables along the rail corridor to operate on the new “Talk Group”
- c. State Foam Trailer Program Communications – No report
- d. Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) – All grants have gone out. Two towns agreed to accept grant on behalf of REPT.

**Regional Reports:**

Region 1 (Jeff Merwin) – Chief Joseph Gaudett gave an update on the after action held for the Region 1 terrorism exercise. The region is moving forward with the UASI project.

Region 2 (Greg Prevost) – The Region’s MOAs are complete. Plan to meet w/vendor in the coming week. In the process of forming new workgroups to complete remaining tasks.

Region 3 (Keith Victor) – No Report

Region 4 (Jeff Otto) – The Region will conduct TIC Plan kickoff meeting in a week and a half. State Police Technical Rep will attend meeting. Work began on ICTAP spending plan and training activity.

Region 5 (Jim Farkas) – Region 5 is working with Hazmat teams in the region to assist them with their communications plans and the purchase of communications equipment.

**New Business:**

None

**Correspondence/Grant Reviews:**

The following projects were reviewed since the last meeting.

### Approval Recommended

- Region 1, Project 003, the procurement of satellite connectivity service for Region 1 regionally available command vehicle.
- Region 1, Project 005, the procurement of satellite radios/telephones for Region 1 Health Departments/Districts.
- Region 1, Project 006, the procurement of satellite telephones, GMRS/FMRS handheld radios for Region 1, CERT Teams
- Region 1, Project 007, the procurement and installation of a regional Law Enforcement simulcast radio system. (Fairfield County Chiefs of Police Association)
- Region 5, Project 001, the procurement and installation of a regional Law Enforcement simulcast radio system (Fairfield County Chiefs of Police)

### Disapproved Pending Further Information

- Region 1, Project 001 the Procurement of Batteries, Antennas and Mobile Chargers for existing Region 1 VHF Portable Radio Cache.
- Region 1, Project 002 the Procurement of Hardware, Software and accessories to program hand held radios.
- Region 1, Project 004, the procurement of a mobile/transportable radio repeater for use in regionally available command vehicle.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1350**