

# Communication Interoperability Working Group

February 21, 2006  
Minutes

## **WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENT AND REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 1312 hours by the Chair, Mike Varney. The following individuals were in attendance: Chuck Beck (DOT), Stephan Brown (DOT), George Carbonell (ConnDOT), Robert DiBella (DEMHS), John Gustafson (CMED-NH), Paul Jakobson (CPCA), Philip Mikan (DEMHS), Roy Piper (DEMHS), Gordon Shand (DPH), Matt Valleau (CAP/CSP), Mike Varney (DOIT/CFCA), and Lee Toffey (secretary).

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the January meeting reviewed; motion to accept by Roy Piper, second by George Carbonell, unanimous/moved and will be posted on the DEMHS website.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Technical Committee: Presented by George Carbonell. The committee is reviewing the wish list from DEMHS, and will meet on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 1400 hours to regarding additional information received on the STOC's boxes.
- B. Governance Committee: Mike Varney stated that the committee is working on the documents and have a report for the next meeting.
- C. Training & Exercise Workgroup: Mike Varney stated that the committee had to cancel the meeting due to scheduling conflict, no report.

**REPORT OF INTEROPERABILITY USAGE AND INCIDENTS:** Middletown used the system to communicate with Troop 1 during an incident in their Town.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Portable Radio Inventory & Training Programs: Deferred to New Business.
- B. ITAC/ICALL Test & Training Issues: John Gustafson feels the system needs testing on a regular basis. Paul Jakobson suggested Regional testing weekly through the PSAP's. Discussion ensued and consensus is that a plan is needed. Mike Varney to contact Sgt. Nolan of CSP as a first step.
- C. UASI: No report.
- D. Homeland Security Grant Program: Per Mike Varney they are working on reporting requirements and CORE set up for the set aside monies.
- E. Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan: Mike Varney reported that the two day workshop was highly successful. The document is under review and will be the rough draft of the Fairfield County Tactical Plan. They have found a gap and need some input from the State Agencies that were not on board during the planning process. There will be a review of the plan for all who participated sometime around Mid-March. The plan will be used for the October Exercise and eventually be adopted by all CEO's in the county. Also, the initial planning conference for the Norwalk exercise will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Norwalk.

- F. Bid for Master Catalog: Per Mike Varney, the bid is currently out and will result in a multiple vendor list. It was extended for two weeks until March 8<sup>th</sup>, per multiple vendor requests.
- G. Request from CT-IMT4: nothing new.
- H. Prime Mover radios and Licensing: Nothing new regarding the licensing issues, that will also pertain to the decon trailers. Mike Varney contacted Brenda Bergeron, Legal Council for DEMHS, and is awaiting a reply. Discussion.
- I. ICALL/ITAC proposal from Chief Jakubson: Per Chief Jakubson, this is moving along.
- J. Other: None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. ICALL/ITAC Battery and Exercise Event: To be held March 1<sup>st</sup> at Rentschler Field. Information and registration forms to be sent to committee members by Lee Toffey. Discussion regarding the lack of notification or involvement in the planning process being extended to either the Interoperability Committee or DEMHS.
- B. Other: None.

**CORRESPONDENCE/GRANT REVIEWS:**

- A. CEDAP – removed from agenda.
- B. Grant Reviews – reported by Roy Piper. 1) Deep River, Trumbull, Salem, and Branford all submitted reviews that were accepted. 2) Working with Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation to make their request interoperable. 3) Goshen submitted an application for 20 town regional project. They are redoing the proposal to clarify what each town needs individually.
- C. Fire Act Grant – If any application makes it through the peer process, they should be bounced to the Interop Committee before any final approval.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting will be **March 21, 2006, at 1300 hours**, DOT Central Lab, Rocky Hill.

Meetings open to the public.

Minutes will be posted to DEMHS website.

Motion to adjourn by George Carbonell; second by Bob DiBella.

Meeting adjourned at 1433 hours.