STATE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING

August 13th, 2024
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

   - Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

2. **Moment of Silence for the Fallen**

   o Daniel Foley, End of Watch: July 9th, 2024

   o James Bailey Maxwell, End of Watch: July 25th, 2024

   o Nick Berg, End of Watch: June 6th, 2024

   o Ryan Gantt, End of Watch: May 27th, 2024

   o Mark Spross, End of Watch: July 21st, 2024

3. **Updates & Announcements**

   - Chair Tony DeBone gave a Grateful Acknowledgement of Service to the SIEC to Roger Johnson for 9 Years of Service as a Council Member, Adam Haas for 8 Years of Service as a Council Member and John Hartsock for 9 Years of Service as a Council Member.

   - John Hartsock Thanked the group and stated how much he has enjoyed being a part of the council and seeing the growth.

   - Chair Tony DeBone introduced new member, Eric Bush, Grant County Emergency Manager

   - Following roll call, quorum was verified by Debra Wixom

4. **Council Minutes Approval – Tony DeBone 1:35 PM**

   - John Hartsock motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **New Business**

   o **Approve the 2024 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)**

   o Tony DeBone began the presentation, noting that the updated draft includes numerous changes to the graphics and narrative. This SCIP is now a four-year plan.

   o William Chapman stated that the objectives and goals remain unchanged from the last meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee, along with Chairs of the other committees and CISA partners, focused primarily on refining the narrative. Special thanks were given

to Sheriff Landers for reaching out to OSSA, gathering data for applications, and receiving valuable input from radio system partners to provide a comprehensive picture. Work on the first appendix will continue in the future.

o The SCIP is required to be reviewed annually, but this group examines it quarterly.

o David Rudawitz inquired whether the committees listed in the document are the same as before. William Chapman confirmed that they are the same, with a suggestion to ensure consistency in naming.

o Ben Gherezgiher commended the work done and its outcome.

o Ben Gherezgiher motioned to adopt the 2024 SCIP, and Roger Johnson seconded the motion. No objections were raised, and the motion passed unanimously.

o **2025 Interoperability Conference**

o The venue for the May 2025 conference is yet to be determined.

o The event, formerly known as the Radio Conference, is seeking a budget of $35,000, with the total cost of the previous year's conference being approximately $32,000.

o A request was made for $15,000 in state funding. John Hartsock motioned to approve the request, and David Rudawitz seconded the motion. No objections were raised, and the motion passed unanimously.

o **Broadband Committee Charter Approval**

o Ben Gherezgiher presented the Broadband Committee Charter, which has been thoroughly worked on and expanded to outline the committee's role in advising the council. The proposal was put forward for approval.

o Ben Gherezgiher motioned to approve the charter, and Roger Johnson seconded the motion. No objections were raised, and the motion passed unanimously.

o **Alerts and Warnings: Lessons Learned from the 2024 Wildfire Season**

o William Chapman shared updates on lessons learned from the 2024 wildfire season, with more information forthcoming as the season progresses.

o **Genasys (Formerly ZoneHaven)**

▪ William Chapman discussed Genasys, the software DHS is rolling out across the state. The primary focus is understanding where and how alerts are being distributed. He noted that counties with limited access to such software rely on manual methods like taking pictures of fire maps. This software is expected to greatly assist in issuing critical, life-saving alerts.

▪ Chief Johnson from Deschutes County shared his experience as a pilot tester for Genasys. The county has developed a template for zoned areas, working with every response agency to modify zones based on user input. Factors such as traffic

flow, street capacity, intersections, and evacuation capabilities were taken into consideration. Population data within these zones has proven useful for better managing jurisdictions.

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6. Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee – Tony DeBone**
  - **Executive Appointments Status Update**
    - The next SIEC meeting will be held on November 12th, virtually.
    - Brandon Fowler will be joining the council. Additional appointments are still in process at the Governor's Office. Sheriff Landers will not be returning, and they are seeking a new member to replace him. Adam Haas has also termed out.
- **Strategic Planning Committee – John Hartsock**
  - **NG-911 Working Group Update – Patence Winningham**
    - The last meeting was held in June, with the next meeting scheduled for August 26th. The committee continues to work with the steering committee to review the scope of the project. The focus next week will be on key features and confirming OEM's role within their legislative authorities. OEM's primary area of concern is the call-taking and call-making capabilities. As the framework is built, questions around public safety will need to be addressed, and the committee is looking for guidance in this area.
  - **Charter Updates**
    - **COMUWG (Renamed ICT-Branch WG: Information and Communications Technology Branch Working Group)**
      - Due to many members working on wildfire response, the work has been delayed, and no new meeting date has been set.
      - Jeff Perkins provided an update on the ICT Branch Working Group. The group has begun integrating IT components into response, creating a parallel and separate service branch within the logistics section. The focus is on advancing training and certifying personnel, identifying training opportunities, and ensuring proper task book sign-offs. The group, which is practitioner-led, will meet quarterly.
    - The charter update will be completed after the wildland fire season.
  - **Next Meeting: TBD**
- **Broadband Committee – Chief Michael Hussey**
  - **SPOC Report – Ben Gherezgiher**
    - The charter has been approved, and the next steps involve focusing on FirstNet enhancements and presenting Forefront Applications to the council for potential use in public safety. The committee will also track broadband investments in

Oregon, seeking to consult with the council on what is available to support public safety communications and other related infrastructure.

- o **Next Meeting: TBD**
- **Technical Committee – Rick Iverson & Aaron Fox**
  - o **Meeting Report**
    - ▪ The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) has faced challenges in getting gear out due to the ongoing wildfires. Four ODOT cache trailers are currently in use for fire support, highlighting the need to improve cataloging state resources. The committee has been working on developing the TICP, with the primary challenge being the identification of usable frequency pairs. The committee will continue working with William and a new contractor to gather information from agencies. Additionally, they are no longer tracking FirstNet as a project, as the state plan has been completed. They are working with AT&T to ensure services are followed.
    - ▪ The committee plans to meet with the SWIC to help prioritize SCIP objectives.
  - o **TIC-FOG Updates – Jeff Perkins**
    - ▪ The committee is working with the Lafayette Group contractor to update the TIC-FOG for Oregon, which is currently out of date. The focus will begin with the Portland region, then move east and south, incorporating lessons learned from northern regions.
  - o **MCPTT White Paper Updates**
    - ▪ The white paper on Mission-Critical Push-to-Talk (MCPTT) is ready for final review by council members. The document will help the council prioritize and build out necessary infrastructure or determine if parts of it are already operational. The goal is to get MCPTT into an operational environment.
  - o **Next Meeting: November 2024**
- **Partnership Committee – Dianne Majors**
  - o **Meeting Report**
    - ▪ **Newsletter**
      - ▪ The committee's newsletter has a distribution list of 1,479 with a 96% delivery rate. If anyone has content ideas for the next edition, which will be sent out on October 1st, they should reach out to William or Dianne.
    - ▪ **Committee Leadership**
      - ▪ The committee is still searching for a Co-Chair. Dianne is the point of contact.
    - ▪ **2025 Interoperability Conference**
      - ▪ There is an opportunity to collaborate with OEMA, though the timeline may be accelerated. The location is yet to be determined. The committee is seeking feedback from the 2023 event regarding location, venue, and agenda, and is open to suggestions. William has met with the OEMA board, and it has been determined that the collaboration will likely take

place during one of their quarterly meetings rather than the main OEMA conference. More information will be provided in the future.

- o **Next Meeting: TBD**

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7. SWIC Report – William Chapman

Wildfires Update/ESF-2 Activities

- As of August 13, 2024, there have been 116 fires, with 24 large active fires and 1.2 million acres burned. There have been 12 government-declared configurations and 1 state emergency declaration.
- ESF-2 (SWIC) has responded to 12 requests for assistance.
- From July 13th to 25th, 125 emergency alerts were sent statewide:
  - o 78 were supported by the state (including TAM).
  - o 10 were sent directly by the state on behalf of local jurisdictions.

Technical Assistance Request Report

- The TICFOG project is still in progress, with a new contractor onboard to help complete the task.
- The COML Train-the-Trainer (TtT) course has been completed.
- The Curry County Ransomware response to the After-Action Review (ARR) has been completed, with minor edits requested, which should be finalized soon.
- AUXC and ITSL courses have been completed.
- **Interoperability Staffing Update:** The first round of recruitment was unsuccessful, but a second round is in progress. The first round of interviews was held last week, with a total of 7 candidates.

CISA Updates – CISA Staff

- CISA staff gave praise for the work William Chapman has put into the SCIP.

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8. Regional Interoperability Committee Reports 2:55 PM

WORJIC Report – Jay Atwood

- **Next Meeting:** September 3, 2024
- Jay Atwood was not in attendance. William Chapman provided the update:
  - o WORJIC includes seven counties on the Oregon side and five counties on the Washington side. The focus has been on improving communication and finding ways to enhance collaboration. They are actively seeking funding through the Homeland Security Grant this year and aim to meet in person in October. Additionally, they are exploring opportunities for cross-border trainings and exercises.

9. Round Table

Public Testimony

- None at this time.

Member Updates

- Members should be receiving notifications from the DAS Chief Human Resources Office regarding required Board and Commission member training.
- The State Fire Marshal's Office acknowledged the support from FirstNet and Verizon for their quick response in Monument. After the town was unable to call 9-1-1, the first request for resources was made, and they were deployed the next day, providing crucial communication support.

10. Chair Tony DeBone Adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM

2024 Schedule	Jan	Feb 13	Mar	Apr	May 14	Jun	Jul	Aug 13	Sep	Oct	Nov 12	De

MEETING MATERIALS – The meeting will begin at 1:30 PM and is planned to proceed chronologically through the agenda. For agenda and meeting materials please visit https://www.oregon.gov/eis/siec/Pages/about.aspx

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