



The Interoperability Council moves to adopt the Charter for the **Statewide System Management Group (SSMG)**.

Whereas, The state of Wisconsin (herein after referred to as “state” and various public safety / service agencies within county and local government (hereinafter referred to as “municipal public safety/service agencies”) have agreed in principle to develop a statewide public safety communication system known as the WISCOM system, and

Whereas, the system is to serve all emergency first responders located in the state of Wisconsin, including private ambulance providers, other authorized non-government organizations, federal and tribal public safety agencies, and

Whereas, state and municipal public safety/service agencies desire to jointly develop a statewide radio communications system to provide interoperable voice communications for mutual aid purposes and enhance outside resources responding to assist with local emergencies, and

Whereas, state and municipal public safety/service agencies desire an alternative to perpetuating stand-alone individual communications systems and create a local option to consolidate their emergency communications equipment to avoid duplication of services, personnel, facilities and equipment, and

Whereas, state and municipal public safety/service agencies desire an alternative to perpetuating stand-alone individual communications systems and create a local option to enhance their public safety communications by investing in local build-out of the statewide system with capacity to meet local requirements for day-to-day, operational, and/or portable radio coverage, and

Whereas, there is value and improved capability seen in interconnecting a statewide system with stand-alone municipal, regional or state-agency communications systems, and

Whereas, costs of the system must be shared equitably and further defined by a cost structure based upon usage and bylaws, and

Whereas, the signatory participants representing state and municipal public safety agencies hereby acknowledge commitment to the formation of the WISCOM system for the collective good of all of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Interoperability Council hereby charters the Statewide System Management Group” (SSMG) for the purpose of providing interim governance of WISCOM and to discharge the functions as outlined in this charter. The provisions of this charter will be enforceable as a special condition attached to any interoperable communications grant award made by OJA for the purpose of implementing the WISCOM system and shall be in effect for the full term of such grant awards unless expressly modified by OJA prior to the ending date of such grant award. The provisions of this charter are as follows:

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the WISCOM system is to provide statewide reliable and responsive communications interoperability between fire, police, rescue, emergency medical and emergency management and other government services.

II. STATE RESPONSIBILITY OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND LICENSURE

1. The WISCOM system hardware, software and licensure have been purchased by the SSMG's government representative and remain the property of the unit of government that enables this endeavor throughout the term of this charter.
2. The Office of Justice Assistance will ensure PSIC funds are administered consistent with this agreement throughout the grant period ending September 30, 2010. Seventy percent (70%) of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications funds will not be expended to acquire equipment until a solution is in place that provides sustainability of the WISCOM system. System sustainability will be developed by the system users.
3. The Office of Justice Assistance will utilize the State Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC) and its subcommittee known as the Statewide System Management Group to implement this initiative.

III. CREATION OF THE STATEWIDE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT GROUP (SSMG)

Membership on the Statewide System Management Group (SSMG) shall consist of:

1. Seven (7) members representing each of the listed state, federal tribal entities using the WISCOM system, to include:
 - WI Department of Transportation
 - WI Department of Natural Resources
 - WI Emergency Management
 - WI Department of Corrections
 - WI Dept of Health Services
 - Federal Agency Representative, as approved by the SSMG
 - Wisconsin Tribal Emergency Management Association
2. Five (5) members representing and selected among county agencies using the WISCOM system. Representatives are:
 - Four (4) County Sheriffs Agencies appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the Badger State Sheriffs Association president.
 - One (1) County Emergency Manager appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association president.
3. Five (5) members representing and selected among agencies within counties using the WISCOM system. Representatives are:
 - Two (2) Police Department Chiefs appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association president.
 - Two (2) Fire Department Chiefs appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the Wisconsin Fire Chiefs Association president.
 - One (1) Emergency Medical Services Director appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the Wisconsin EMS Association president.

4. Four (4) “at-large” representatives selected at an annual meeting of users.
5. Two (2) members representing public safety communication centers.
 - One (1) member of the WI Association of Public Safety Communications Officials appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the WI-APCO president.
 - One (1) member of the WI National Emergency Number Association appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the WI-NENA president.

IV. BYLAWS

The SSMG will create Bylaws that will amend/create further rules such as user voting privileges, officers and duties, procedures for filling expiring and/or vacant seats, staggered terms for all initial selections, and other procedures to allow for effective, representative governance.

V. SYSTEM PARTICIPATION

Agencies may participate with the statewide system under different user categories as determined by the SSMG. The SSMG shall:

1. Determine user categories
2. Approve additional user agency applications
3. Determine any applicable costs

The SSMG shall be responsible for determining the initial cost, if applicable.

VI. MEETING PROCEDURES

1. Roberts Rules of Order (revised) will be used at meetings.
2. Meetings will be no less than quarterly providing there are pending action items.

VII. CHANGES to the SSMG CHARTER

The SSMG is authorized to petition the Council for changes to the SSMG Charter for the common good and to better implement WISCOM.

This Charter has been approved by the Wisconsin Interoperability Council under the authority of Wis. Stats. §16.9645.

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