

**STATE INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL
STATEWIDE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT GROUP**

OFFICE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
1 S. PINCKNEY STREET, STE 615
MADISON, WI 53703
JULY 29, 2011
9:30AM

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 9:37AM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- Matt Joski
- Randy Pickering
- Joseph Baasch
- Kurt Drezek
- Keith Butler
- John Schrader
- Paul Wittkamp
- Carl Guse
- Steve Hansen
- Doug Meier

OJA STAFF

- Greg Engle
- Dave Spenner
- James Westover
- Jennifer Lord
- Sabrina Fordyce

GUESTS

- Kathleen Lordo

Quorum Not Established

This meeting was a work session for discussion on agenda items. Action could not be taken without a quorum.

Randy Pickering presided as interim chair until Chair Joski joined the meeting at 9:55am.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

- Action deferred until the next SSMG meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Beta Testing of WISCOM for the Dane County supported Centurion Bicycle Race**

Dane Cty moved forward with another plan for this year's race. MARC Repeaters transcend the boundaries for Dane and Iowa counties. EM providers struggled to provide interoperability for last year's race.

Comments included that WISCOM could be a natural role to assist and would be in a position to support multi-jurisdictional events. Suggestions were made to have the Sustainability Workgroup develop a WISCOM policy for future events. A policy should be in place covering points such as:

- Requiring a public safety liaison with supervision at a local level.
- Talk group issues are also a concern. Appropriate guidelines should be in place for scheduling for prevention of different events using the same channels.

The group decided to hold further discussion at the next SSMG meeting, August 18th.

- **The SSMG discussed possible options for potential users for fee-based daily usage of WISCOM (i.e. private snow plows, transportation, towing service, utility, etc.) OJA will begin an outreach process based upon SSMG input.**

Discussion ensued to define which daily WISCOM users would be considered fee based versus non-fee based. Dave Spenner stated that the statutes are quite broad for what is allowed. This allows the opportunity for the SSMG to define it more precisely. OJA is authorized to expect an user to pay a fee to use WISCOM. Profit vs. non-profit could be the demarcation line. There are many possibilities of different organizations. If the SSMG could offer some guidelines, Jim Westover could start outreach with these potential users. The ability to demonstrate usage of WISCOM by many different agencies would be well received by budget planners.

Randy Pickering stated the importance of sorting through profit and non-profit. The utilization of shared talk-groups for the purpose of coordination versus someone who wants their own talk-group. Maybe one entity wants to have a fee and another not. It is also important to define a for profit entity that is providing a service under contract to serve a municipality. Emergency versus non-emergency use of the same frequency.

The general consensus of the SSMG is that entities listed on the TICP are the targeted audience. If they are coming on only to coordinate with public safety and shared talk-groups, then fees aren't charged. If coming on for their own purposes, even if they are tax-supported, there may or may not be a fee. Non-tax supported entities should be charged a fee.

Carl Guse questioned what the policy would be for federal agencies. The may be an agency able to contribute to the cost of operating and maintaining the system. It could be reasonable to have them contribute fees to operate the system. Dave Spenner suggested there could be a sliding scale and rate structure depending how many sites they will have their talk-groups work on. The scale should consider that it would be hard to market to a federal institution if we assume they want state-wide coverage when in fact they only want to use it for a couple of sites around the area or around the state for a very small number of federal users..

These issues will be referred to the Sustainability Workgroup.

- **Identification of agenda items for an August 18, 2011 regular SSMG meeting.**
 - County Connection Program
 - Formal referral to the Sustainability Committee regarding a policy for users such like the Dane Co Bike Race and potential users for fee-based daily usage of WISCOM
 - User Agreement for the Daily Users

DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

County Connection Program – Keith Butler is seeking further information on this program. The options offered were explained to be an extension of the original bid for the WISCOM system. Item 1B should be rewritten and the additional information sent out as an updated description.

OJA will want to update and clarify this information which could affect potential user decision making. Potential customers/users are receiving misinformation from an outside entity. Randy Pickering suggested that the Technical Workgroup meet to evaluate the merits of concern for discussion at the next SSMG meeting on August 18th. OJA could provide updated information about the capabilities of the solution that is part of the current procurement. Clarified information should go out to potential buyers. If the Technical Workgroup cannot confirm any issues, then it won't warrant any changes.

NEXT MEETING DATE DISCUSSION

Randy Pickering will speak with Chair Joski regarding the meeting location for the next SSMG meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00PM