Southeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC)

Interoperability Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Conducted via Zoom Platform

March 24, 2022 – 1:15 PM

Members Present	Guests Present	Support Staff Present
Robert Verdone, SEMA Regional 911	Ivan Pagacik, Ross & Baruzzini	Kevin Ham, SRPEDD
Chief Marc Duphily, Carver PD	Ted Dempsey, Ross & Baruzzini	Todd Castro, SRPEDD
Scott Billings, PCSO		Amy Reilly, MAPC
Mike Mahoney, ROCCC		

Members Absent: Dep. Chief Kevin Galligan, Brockton FD; Chief Brian Clark, Norton PD; Tim Gover, Wellesley PD

The meeting agenda was taken out of order. Mr. Pagacik started his update at 1 PM. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM with a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Verdone called the meeting to order at 1:43 PM. Mr. Ham did a roll for attendance.
2. **Public Comment:** No public comment was provided.

3. **Approval of 2-24-2022 Minutes:** The February 24, 2022, meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented via roll call.
4. **Budget Update:** This was not discussed.

5. **Copicut Hill Update:** Mr. Pagacik gave an update on the Copicut Hill project and the next phase of the project. He mentioned that the contractor has been on site this week installing antennas, combiners and multi couplers. He asked who else needed to move their equipment over. Mr. Pinchbeck mentioned that County Fire has brought the dishes to the tower, but he has not seen any equipment on the tower. He mentioned that there are no base stations. Mr. Pagacik mentioned that Industrial had the contract to do the base stations and Green Mountain had the microwaves. He believes Green Mountain did their work and now Industrial is doing the racks. Mr. Verdone asked when they could add equipment to the tower. Mr. Pagacik mentioned that he hopes to have Industrial completed with their work the week of April 18th. Mr. Verdone asked if equipment has been assigned to the racks. Mr. Pagacik mentioned he did a layout but it was not specific to a specific agency, the combiners and multi couplers were assigned near the entry port. Mr. Pinchbeck updated the committee on the racks and where equipment will be placed. Mr. Pagacik mentioned that he would update the layout with Mr. Pinchbeck notes on equipment and email to the committee today. Mr. Verdone mentioned that Mr. Hathaway was planning on moving equipment from Fall River immediately, not sure what his plan of attack is currently for his equipment and Freetown Police was interested in the loop as well. He mentioned there is space for them, but he is not sure what kind of equipment they have. Mr. Pagacik mentioned that it can be part of phase 2. He stated phase 1 is to bring existing over then anyone new after on phase 2.

   Mr. Pagacik mentioned they may be done before June 30th, and they could start the work once they get the green light that everything's moved over then Industrial can demo. Mr. Pinchbeck asked if Industrial will take care of the disconnect of the power or do we have to contact National Grid. Mr. Pagacik stated that he will ask Industrial who is responsible for the disconnect. Mr. Verdone asked if anyone is assigned site manager or is that the

Interoperability committee. Mr. Ham mentioned after it is constructed it is BAPERN and Fall River responsibility as of now it is the committee. Mr. Verdone asked who is going to own it. Ms. Reilly stated that it is her understanding that in terms of Homeland Security assets the technical owner is the federal government.

Mr. Verdone mentioned that Mr. Pagacik and his team and the stakeholders should meet before another Interoperability meeting is scheduled. Then the committee can meet after that, do an update, and establish a rough timeline. The discussion continued and Mr. Pagacik answered questions from the committee.

6. **Post Copicut Hill Priorities**: This was not discussed.

7. **BAPERN Updates to include SE Expansion:** This was not discussed

    - Potential Microwave Paths: This was not discussed.

8. **CISA Programs & Training Availability:** Mr. Verdone mentioned that Glen from was not in attendance therefore he has no update.

9. **Intelligence & Information Sharing Update:** Mr. Verdone reported that the Intel Officer position has been approved and they are moving forward with it. He stated that he hopes to work more with Ms. Reilly's team as far as contracting and how it gets done but as far as federally and statewide, it's approved so they can move forward.

10. **Old/New Business**: None

11. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:** None

12. **Next Meeting/Adjournment: The** next meeting is to be determined. Chairman Verdone adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.

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