

Call to Order:

Brad Henricks (Langlade) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am., at 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403, Meeting Room 1.

Approval to the Agenda:

Brad Henricks (Langlade) asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. There being none, a motion was made by Carol McLaughlin (Price) and seconded by Ronald Krueger (Lincoln) to approve the Agenda. All were in favor.

Adoption of Last Meeting's Minutes:

A motion to approve August 6, 2009 Board meeting's minutes was made by Carol McLaughlin (Price) and seconded by Ronald Krueger (Lincoln) to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

Introductions:

All present were asked to introduce themselves and state their name and county or organization that they represented. Twelve of the sixteen NEWCOM counties were present.

Tribal – NEWCOM Membership:

The Menominee Tribe has expressed interest in joining the NEWCOM Group. It was discussed that the Intergovernmental Agreement and By-Laws would need to be changed to allow this. This item was tabled because no tribal members were present to discuss.

LTPO Exercise:

Andy Faust again reminded the group that OJA is funding a Long-Term Power Outage Regional Planning Workshop on March 16th in Wausau. Two tabletop exercises will follow. One in Wausau on April 14th in Wausau and one in Rhinelander on May 18th.

NEWCOM Encryption Guidelines:

John Sweeney (Oneida) presented a document with recommended common set of procedures and guidelines for public safety digital encryption radio systems. This document was drafted from a working committee of NEWCOM. This documents recommended procedures for deployment of the NEWCOM encryption security code.

It was discussed that if one county authorized an outside agency to use the NEWCOM encryption code that it did not give global authorization to use the encryption code within the NEWCOM area.

Alan Wisler (Marathon) asked to have the State Patrol (District 4) to be allowed to use the NEWCOM encryption code because it would be a hassle to have the troopers in all those counties to each ask for authorization. No one seconded that request.

There was a lengthy discussion on Attachment 1 under PROCEDURES. The document reads "*requesting law enforcement agency individual (such as*

Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper or Department of Natural Resources Conservation Warden) is expected to make an individual request to use the NEWCOM encryption code in the jurisdiction where the requesting officer resides.” There was discussion that it should be changed to be where that individual works. John Sweeney (Oneida) gave many examples of why he felt that it should remain with where the requesting officer resides. Alan Wisler (Marathon) made a motion to change it from “resides” to “primary service area”. That motion was seconded by Frank Szczepaniec (Oconto). Motion passed.

There was also discussion that all should follow the State ID Plan for P25 radios. It was stated that it is important not to clone radios because they would have the same ID and if you went to stun or kill that radio all radios on your system would be disabled. It was asked that Andy send out the ID plan again to all NEWCOM agencies.

Update – SSMG statewide radio system

Things are moving forward with the statewide radio system. The SSMG is still discussing user fees. The SSMG is hoping to allow each county a connection to the system for mutual aid and no cost. If a county wants to use it for day to day operations they would need to pay a users fee. Grants are also being created to allow counties to connect to the system.

NEWCOM Balance Sheet - Bills:

Andy Faust gave a copy of the current balance sheet for NEWCOM. Invoices for administrative fees have been sent to all counties. 6 of the 16 have been received.

NEWCOM Meeting Dates 2010:

February 4th (Board Meeting)
April 8th (*Changed from April 1st)
June 3rd
August 5th (Board Meeting)
October 7th
December 2nd

Other Business:

Lt. Kontos (Portage) email Andy and wanted to let the group know that Portage County will be moving to narrow banding in August of this year.

NEWCOM Officer terms will expire in August.

NEWCOM Agency report was passed around again. The report summaries 372 agencies with 5426 mobiles and 2851 portables within the NEWCOM region. Forest and Menominee Counties still have not provided information for the report. There are still many agencies listed with no radio counts also.

It was also suggested that a letter be drafted to Representatives Obey and Kagen to see if they are interested in talking with NEWCOM about possible funding to help counties with narrow banding and other commutation needs.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Carol McLaughlin (Price) and seconded by Ronald Krueger (Lincoln). All were in favor.