

7255 W. Stewart Ave, Wausau, 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Introductions** – Following counties present: Forest, Marathon, Price, Oneida, Shawano, Taylor, Waupaca, Vilas and Wood Counties.

**CodeRED Demo** - CodeRED is a high-speed communication service available for mass emergency notifications. People can be notified by phone, email or text message. CodeRED has a mapping component for targeting call areas. CodeRED also allows for non landline users to sign up via a webpage interface. There is no equipment to purchase and only a yearly fee based on the county population. A few of the NEWCOM counties are currently using the CodeRED system.

**Subscriber Equipment Grant** – We are still waiting for Oconto and Marinette counties to submit invoices so that we know how much funds will be available for the other counties for programming equipment. Currently we have requests in for about \$16,000 dollars for programming equipment. Andy Faust will follow up with Oconto and Marinette to make sure they have their invoices submitted ASAP. At that next Board meeting on August 6, 2009 the Board will make the Subscriber Equipment Grant announcements.

### **Other Business**

Next NEWCOM Board meeting will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> in Marathon County. The meeting will be at the same location as this meeting **7255** W. Stewart Ave @ 10:00am

Andy Faust also discussed that State's plan to hire Regional Interoperability Coordinators (RICs) These are some of the duties of the RICs:

1. Participation at the delegate level will be defined to also include participation by entities with local communications systems such as public utilities, hospitals, power plants, transportation depots/ports/transfer yards, etc.
2. Participation at the delegate level has been defined to include state and federal agencies *with communications systems that support local missions*, i.e. base security, correctional institutions, etc.
3. RICs will be obligated to file an annual report listing agencies who have been active participants in the council (active participation is regionally defined).
4. Fostering local outreach, education and involvement in WISCOM usage, COML training, communications exercises and after action reporting of incidents with interoperable communications activity has been added as additional duties.

Andy Faust want to make the NEWCOM group aware that the state plans of funding these position based on WEM Districts. NEWCOM breaks three WEM Districts. Price, Taylor, and Waupaca counties are located outside the Northeast WEM District. Andy was not sure how this may or may not affect the NEWCOM group.

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