

212 River Drive, Wausau, 10:00am – 12:15pm

Introductions – Following counties present: Forest, Lincoln, Marathon, Menominee, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Portage, Price, Shawano, Waupaca, and Wood Counties. Not present, Florence, Langlade, Taylor, and Vilas Counties. Each county present gave an update of what was currently going on in their county.

Exercise Grant - Andy Faust gave an update on the NEWCOM Radio Interoperability Exercise. NEWCOM will conduct a series of communication interoperability exercises in the year 2008. The first exercise NEWCOM Communication Interoperability Exercises-08 will be a tabletop exercise involving a response to a large-scale hazardous materials incident. The objective of the exercise is to evaluate and plan how the MARC/WISPERN radio equipment would be most efficiently used in a large-scale incident. In addition the exercise will incorporate the use of the State Wide Mutual Aid channels. The second exercise would be a Functional Exercise expanding on what was learned at the Tabletop Exercise. The Tabletop Exercise will be held on September 17, 2008 at the Waupaca County EOC at 10:30am. The Functional Exercise will be held on November 12, 2008 at the Waupaca County EOC at 10:30am also. All NEWCOM EM Directors will be contact by Andy Faust to participate.

Update on Obey Grant – John Sweeney, Oneida County gave an update that the grant application he stated the grant application would be sent in later this week. The final decision on how the money would be spent and what percent match would be needed will be presented to the NEWCOM Board at the meeting in August for the Board to vote on. The grant would be used to purchase microwave links between Oneida and Vilas & Marinette and Oconto counties. The remaining funds would be used to purchase additional subscriber equipment for NEWCOM counties.

Survey Results – Andy Faust gave an update on a survey of NEWCOM Counties. See attached maps.

Other Business

Next NEWCOM Board meeting will be held on August 5th in Shawano County. A new Chair will need to be elected.

NEWCOM Users Group meetings will be held on October 7th and December 2nd.

The Frequency Sharing Letter is complete and located on the NEWCOM website for download. All sixteen NEWCOM Counties should draft and sign a letter from this template and send it to Andy Faust. Andy will then provide all 16 NEWCOM Counties with copies of the letters.

Pictometry has been contacting some of the NEWCOM counties. Pictometry provides oblique aerial photography. This aerial imagery can be used in 911 centers and for emergency management. Andy Faust was asked to contact Pictometry to provide a demo to the NEWCOM counties at the next NEWCOM Users Group meeting.

There was a discussion about a possible Dispatcher licensing that may be happen in the State. Dave Mason, Marathon will get more information and keep the NEWCOM group informed.

John Sweeney, Oneida gave an update on the Statewide System Management Group (SSMG) They have put together a RFP to look at the development of a Statewide communications system.