

The meeting started with introductions of each person present. 12 of 16 NEWCOM counties were present.
27 total were in attendance.

Overview of Statewide VHF P25 trunking backbone system concept.

Carl Guse, State Patrol – gave a presentation on the statewide trunking backbone system concept. This proposed system would be implemented over a three year period. This system would have about 70 tower sites and cost about 14 million. This system would benefit all in public safety. The state hopes to have a board of local users established by the end of the year to oversee the system design.

There was much discussion about why a statewide trunking system and how or if it would benefit local communications systems. There was also concern about how the system would be maintained and funded in the future.

Update on PSIC Grant Program

John Sweeney, Oneida County – John attended a meeting in Stevens Point that discussed the proposed spending of the PSIC funds. Different statewide proposals were considered and it was decided that a statewide trunking system should be considered.

Infrastructure plan for NEWCOM

Frank Szczepanec, Oconto County – Frank started to do some of the background work on cost and system design for the NEWCOM microwave connections between NEWCOM counties. Estimated cost would be about \$70,000 - \$170,000 per county depending on if additional towers would be needed.

Minnesota trunking project / possible presentation

Andy Faust, NEWCOM – Andy contacted the people that implemented the Minnesota area radio system and its governing board the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB). The MESB invited the NEWCOM group to visit Minnesota and tour their radio system. Andy will work on setting up this and contact the group to see who is interested in a field trip to Minnesota.

Other Business

Andy Faust noted that all counties now have their signed Intergovernmental Agreements turned in.