

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

**Introductions** – Following counties present: Forest, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oneida, Portage, Price, Taylor, Vilas, Waupaca, and Wood Counties. Menominee Tribal Police, Wisconsin DNR and Wisconsin State Patrol were also present.

**Regional SCIP Implementation Councils/Coordinators** – Grant submitted by NCWRPC for the NE WEM District. The purpose of this program is to advance the statewide communication interoperability strategy detailed in the 2007 Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)

**NEWCOM Encryption Authorization** – There was a lively discussion about setting policy or guidelines for authorizing the use of the NEWCOM encryption code. It was discussed how other agencies would be authorized to use the NEWCOM encryption code. Most counties agreed that only full time law enforcement personnel should have access to NEWCOM encryption code. Some counties also thought that they should be able to give the code to whomever they wanted to and there was nothing that NEWCOM could do about it. It appears that the DNR currently has the NEWCOM encryption code and has loaded it on some of their radios already. It was decided that John Sweeney, Jerry Thorpe, Frank Szczepaniec, Mark Handlin, and Carl Guse would work on a policy / guideline for authorization to use the NEWCOM shared encryption code. They would then bring it to the NEWCOM Board meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for Board action.

**NEWCOM Committee Report** - Andy Faust gave an update on the NEWCOM Needs Survey. John Sweeney is reviewing the survey and working on looking at funding options to help the NEWCOM counties.

**WISCOM Update** – SSMG is moving forward with an 80 site (5 repeaters per site) P25 trunking system statewide. They are also looking at options to provide some funding for counties to connect into the system. There was discussion about forming different talk groups for interoperability for prisoner transport and mutual aid.

**NEWCOM Agency Report** – Andy Faust is still working on compiling a list of all public safety agencies within NEWCOM. Andy will continue to work with counties to finish the list.

**Long Term Power Outage (LTPO) Exercise** - Andy Faust submitted a grant application for a LTPO exercise for the NE WEM District. Workshops and tabletop exercises will be carried out next year.

**Narrow Banding** – Counties continue to work on narrow banding timelines. Some of the counties share their current plans and timelines with the group.

**Other Business** – The following dates were set for the 2010 NEWCOM meetings: February 4<sup>th</sup> (Board Meeting), April 1<sup>st</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup> (Board Meeting), October 7<sup>th</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.