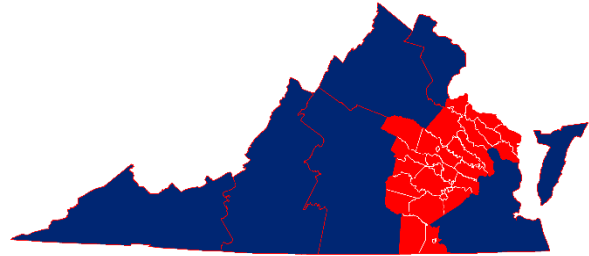


RPAC-I Region 1 Meeting

Friday, August 4, 2017

1000 hours

Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center



Minutes

Attendees:

Derek Andresen, Richmond, Vice Chair

Kathy Cheeley, New Kent

Ranna Cope, Amelia

Jackie Crotts, Richmond

Denice Crowder, Dinwiddie

Lori Dachille, VDEM

Kent Emerson, Amelia

Denise Johnson, Prince George, Secretary

Steve Parrott, Chesterfield

A.J. Redman, Amelia Sheriff's Office

Kathy Robins, CVEMA/RRPDC

Ben Ruppert, Hopewell

Charles Smith, Hanover, Chair

Dorothy Spears-Dean, VITA

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1005, welcomed all and thanked them for coming. He introduced himself and invited everyone to do the same.

Minutes

The Chair invited a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2017 meeting. Jackie Crotts moved to approve and Ben Ruppert, seconded. Motion carried without further discussion.

SWIC Update

The Chair reported that Thomas Gagnon, being unable to be here for this meeting, conveyed some information to be shared with the group:

- **FirstNet** – The Chair reported that when the Governor opted in to FirstNet, Virginia became the first state to do so, putting the Commonwealth ahead of other states. AT&T is committed to providing priority access to the broadband network to Public Safety stakeholders as well as preemption as events require. There will be 2 classes of priority: Level 1 and Level 2. These have yet to be explicitly defined. Regional Conference on this on September 12 at Eanes-Pittman. Deadline to register is September 6. Registration link is at <http://virginia-ena.org/event/firstnet-regional-conference-region-i/> . Denise Johnson reported that there are 20 seats left as of August 3.
- **SIEC Meeting:** August 24, 2017 at VEOC from 10 am to 1 pm

- **State Homeland Security Grants** – SIEC Grant Subcommittee and SMEs met at VDFP on July 20 to evaluate communications-related applications for funding.
- **FirstNet: State Plan** Tom Gagnon must submit all comments on the draft state plan by tonight but the portal will remain open through mid-December. Ben Ruppert asked about access to the plan and the portal. The Chair reported that access is restricted to LSPOCs and when these folks sign in to the FirstNet portal, they agree not to share any information or access to the site. We have already provided significant comments to FirstNet. Challenge now is to manage expectations; a comprehensive, reliable, redundant, nationwide LTE networks is unlikely to be a reality within the next 5 years. Our role is to manage implementation of the network and improve Commonwealth and localities' position in this realm. The Chair reminded all that no one with access to it is to discuss the plan at this point.

COMDEX 2017 | Scheduled for September 23 – 24. There will be 3 locations for COML and COMT for training: Fort Pickett, Culpeper, VA Tech/Galax in Southwest to get task books signed off. Need to get information out to RPACs. Please send any information to Charles Smith. Steve Parrott reported that Tom Gagnon no longer has Carol Adams to assist as she has taken a position with Motorola, so he is managing all COMLINC and RIOS training in addition to FirstNet and other duties.

2017 Virginia NENA/APCO/Interoperability Conference is October 25 – 27 in Roanoke. The previous Saturday – Monday the Virginia Radio Cache instructor group will be conducting COML training. More information is available on the APCO website.

Field Operations Guide for Interoperable Communications . The Chair reminded all that we need to get these forms filled out and submitted to complete the update to this resource. Lafayette Group is contracted to assist with compiling this data. He reviewed the form with the group to clarify what information is needed. Main points: please provide information for your locality, not the region. This information is to assist any entity that comes to your locality to support you. A digital copy of this form is available as an attachment to the 8/4/17 meeting event in Outlook. We need to capture this information and keep it up to date if we want to maintain interoperability across the region. If you have any questions, please contact him.

Agency and Locality Reports

Denise Johnson/Prince George. reported that they have terminated their relationship with the radio consultant from the first phase of the radio project and have contracted with Harris. Hope to have RFP out by 12/31/17.

Kent Emerson/Ranna Cope/Amelia. PSAP has finished upgrade to new CAD: ID Networks. Not a simple transition. Reached out to King George for assistance. If you are making this transition, reach out. **Ben Ruppert (Hopewell)** reported that their PSAP is working on EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) accreditation.

Kathy Cheeley/New Kent. Finishing up some interoperability stuff with Harris system (went live last October). Implementing new CAD with ID Networks at the end of August. Also working on EMD and Text to 911.

Dorothy Spears-Dean (Wireless Board) reported that this is the last year they will be funding CAD and this is only for non-vendor support. There are 40 localities still using technically outdated/non-vendor-supported CAD Systems (primarily DaPro) in the Commonwealth. Next 5 years will focus on NG911.

Lori Dachille/VDEM. Reported that SHSP Peer Review process is complete as of last Friday. No timeline on when results will be announced. LEMPG letters to go out this week. If you need an allocation letter for

your local process, you will have to request one because they are no longer automatically doing these. VDEM has hired a new SAR Branch Chief, under Response Programs/Disaster Support Bureau (where all Specialty Teams reside.) Please submit any requests for support through her and/or WebEOC. The Region 1 Training and Exercise Plan has been updated and sent to local EMs. If you have exercises scheduled, send her dates and she will add them to the regional exercise calendar. HSEEP class coming up.

Steve Parrott/CVHC (Central Virginia Healthcare Coalition). Reported that as of July 1, he is the RHCC (Regional Healthcare Coordination Center) Manager. He plans to bring a presentation to the RPAC on this group at the October or December meeting. Andrew Slater is new director of CVHC and Pete Svoboda is the coordinator of Medically Vulnerable Populations. He will be lead to assist the region's local EMs with the new CMS Rule, which requires, among other things, that any medical facilities that receive Medicare/Medicaid payments have an emergency plan, have contact with local EMs, and conduct annual exercises. They have identified 3,000 facilities in the Central Virginia region that would be affected by the CMS rule. CVHC has established a board in VHASS to provide their information. It is the responsibility of the facility, and not local EMs or VDH, to meet these new requirements. Ms. Robins reported that the CVEMA Mass Care and Human Services Committee is devoting their 9/7/17 meeting to addressing this in the EM community.

Ms. Dachille reported that the VEMA Legislative Committee will be working to get clarification on the requirement for annual Full Scale Exercises and advocate reducing this to drill/TTX/Functional Exercise because this requirement is such a heavy lift. Locals need to take advantage of the HSEEP classes VDEM is offering. Exercise requirement issue applies to IHE also. Will report on this as it advances. Mr. Parrott reported that they will share exercises as they are developed for others to use as templates.

He reported that VCU conducted an Active Shooter Exercise at VCU Student Commons on 8/3 with 80 patients to distribute.

CVHC is doing site visits. Crisis Radio System is a hospital to hospital system for coordination.

CVAHIMT – want to bring the Command Trailer out. Currently out having a wireless mesh network installed and satellite system for telephone and internet capability plus MSAT G2 radio set up into the trailer with phone link and data capability. Back next week for demo 8/9 for demo to Senate Appropriations Committee visit.

Derek Andresen/Richmond. Reported that the City is getting a new citizen notification: Code Red

Charles Smith/Hanover. Reported that they continue to replace old Motorola system with P25-compliant system. Project schedule: 3 more years. Cut over during summer so adequate coverage testing can be done with foliage on the trees. Lots of towers and sites to be completed. Focused on getting LE devices delivered and installed with the goal of encrypting all LE radio traffic by end of year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 pm. The next meeting will be Friday, October 6, 2017 at 10 am at Eanes-Pittman.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Robins