



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee			
Date	November 18, 2021	Location	Via ZOOM
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Duration	2.0 Hours
In attendance: Walter Tibbitts Bill Pearlman Dana Johnson Joe Cuneo Butch Garrity		FRCOG Staff: Xander Sylvain Kurt Seaman Nick Licata	
Absent: John Paciorek		Other: Gene Howard, City of Greenfield	

Agenda Items	Discussion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Walter opened the meeting at 10:00.
2. Review/approval of October 21, 2021 meeting minutes	Bill Pearlman made a motion to accept minutes as written, seconded by Dana Johnson. Roll call vote passed unanimously at 10:03.
3. Chairman’s Report	Given by Walter Tibbitts – Reviewed issue with the 800 system receiving interference from media trucks at large events.
4. Radio System Manager a. Repairs and Maintenance – CMED radios	Report given by Kurt Seaman – The CMED radios are multi-band (not tri-band) and up and running. Still working on a work-around for the New Salem link as there are no spares. The equipment being pulled off Mt. Lincoln will be inspected to see if there is anything that could be used. The Leyden repeater is having issues where it’s clipping transmissions but there are no parts available to fix this issue.
5. CoMIRS Advisory Group Update	Report given by Xander Sylvain – Last meeting the committee requested a map of what CoMIRS towers are in the region and which ones transmit on analog and digital. EOTSS provided the CoMIRS Advisory Group with a Google Earth layer, which has been shared with the committee. The committee would like hard copy maps made from this layer that shows all towers and which towers are digital, analog, and both as well as coverage. Dispatch would like a large map for their dispatchers that would show digital and analog coverage areas.
6. Public Safety Partner Updates a. Fire Chief Association b. Police Chief Association	a. The new policies and procedures was reviewed line by line at the last chiefs meeting. Final vote will happen at the November meeting. b. No representative present c. Staffing and EMT shortage continues, DPH has continued using waivers and is exploring the option of allowing municipal ambulances perform non-emergent and inter-facility transports.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Franklin County EMS Committee d. Shelburne Control e. Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Shelburne Control's 700/800mhz back up radios do not have the new talk groups programmed into them. This means, if the consoles go down then they will have to rely on older UHF radios as a backup. Shelburne Control would benefit from another console because one console is being tied up through paging and the dispatcher working there, is unable to use it to dispatch responders. e. Annual meeting is coming up in the next year, otherwise nothing new to report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Royalston tower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The FRCOG + WRHSAC are still investigating the legal and administrative steps and authorities needed to sell the tower to a private company.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 800 System Tower Map b. APX6000 Programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. See CoMIRS Advisory Group Update. b. Programming days are being scheduled.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting 	<p>This meeting was subject to harassment by a number of unidentified users.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Wrap up and adjourn 	<p>Dana made motion to adjourn meeting at 11:07. Motion seconded by Bill, passed unanimously, and meeting adjourned at 11:08.</p>