



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee			
Date	March 17, 2022	Location	Via ZOOM
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Duration	2.0 Hours
In attendance: Bill Pearlman Dana Johnson Joe Cuneo Butch Garrity Walter Tibbetts John Paciorek		FRCOG Staff: Xander Sylvain Kurt Seaman Bob Dean Tracy Roger	
Absent:		Other:	

Agenda Items	Discussion
1. Welcoming remarks/agenda/introductions	Walter Tibbetts opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.
2. Review/approval of February 17 th minutes	Bill Pearlman made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Joe Cuneo. Roll call vote passed successfully at 10:05 a.m.
3. Chairman’s Report	Walter Tibbetts is retiring in June and the CoMIRS Advisory Group nominated Zack Smith to the WMRIC Committee to sit as a representative for Franklin County.
4. Radio System Manager Update	Kurt Seaman reported that feedback has been coming from the 450MHz system causing static on the 800MHz system. Kurt and Goosetown believed it was Toby 2 that was causing the problem and took it offline. More time is needed to see if this will fix the issue. Repeaters Toby 2, Montague 1, Buckland 2 are all currently offline.
5. CoMIRS Advisory Group Update	On April 1 st the patches between Sim 1/Fire 1 and Sim 2/Police 2 are coming down. Shelburne Control will continue to dispatch and monitor both channels for the time being. FC has also switched all ground to air communications to the 800MHz system for establishing landing zones and communicating with air-medical units.
6. Public Safety Partner Updates a. Fire Chief Association b. Police Chief Association c. Franklin County EMS Committee d. Shelburne Control	a. Nothing to report. b. Montague PD dispatch center is still on the 450MHz system but should be getting the 800MHz radios installed soon. c. EMS are prepared for the patches to come down. Discussion about CMED, license was transferred to WMEMS several years ago but has been maintained by FCECS and now a new group needs to take over maintenance of this equipment. d. Departments are starting to purchase 800MHz pagers, EOTSS working on creating e. Joe Cuneo is no longer on the board of Tri-State and a replacement has not been appointed.

<p>e. Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid</p>	
<p>7. Old Business</p> <p>a. Decommissioning plan</p> <p>b. Roylston Tower</p>	<p>a. Communications Design Consulting Group, LLC (CDCG) submitted a bid to write the FCECS decommissioning plan for the FRCOG and they are the only company to do so. Tracy Rogers submitted the bid for approval of the FCECS Oversight committee contingent on the following parameters occurring over the next several weeks: that all the reference checks come back successfully, that the FRCOG's Procurement Officer accepts the bid and makes adjustments to the contract as needed, and that the FRCOGs finance committee approves the expenditure. The committee reviewed the proposal and John Paciorek made a motion to accept the CDCG bid, with Tracy's stipulations. The motion was seconded by Joe Cuneo and a unanimous roll call vote passed successfully at 10:40 a.m.</p> <p>b. A meeting occurred between the FRCOG and FEMA regarding transferring ownership of this tower to a private entity. FEMA now also agrees that the tower holds no financial value due to the circumstance and a transfer of the tower for no cost to a third party who agrees to take on the cost of deconstructing it, will ultimately save the FRCOG money and is the best path forward. FEMA has submitted approval of the FRCOGS transfer of this tower to MA EOPSS and the FRCOG is waiting for the final approval from EOPSS before the transfer is initiated and the tower is decommissioned. The generator and shelter on that site will be designated as surplus supplies and made available to FC communities as long as a requesting community can pick up the equipment before the tower is transferred at no cost to FCECS/FRCOG.</p>
<p>8. New Business</p> <p>a. No new business</p>	
<p>a. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On April 2nd, there is a large bike race in Shutesbury and Leverett. • Kenwood emergency button reprogramming has not gone out yet. • Xander and Dana will follow up with the CMED issue to begin the process of having the equipment maintained by another group.
<p>b. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Walter made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John, roll call vote passed 11:00</p>