

# Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

## Interoperable Communications Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

### In Attendance:

#### Members: In Attendance

LTC Richard Merrill	RI National Guard
James McLaughlin	Fire Chiefs Association
Joseph DelGiudice	Prov. Communications
Ralph Nahigian	RISCON North
Scott Lessard	RISCON South
Frank Floor	DEM
Chris McGrath	Dept. of Health
Brian Glancy	Member at Large
Dawn Lewis	HIRA
Jamie Pereira	RIPTA
Wally Falkowski	Dept. Corrections
Peter Ginaitt	Vice Chairman
Nelson Pedro	RI Level 1 Trauma CTR

#### Members not in Attendance

Thomas Mulligan	Police Chiefs Assoc.
Joseph Bucci	DOT
Jamie Pereira	RIPTA
Thom Guertin	DoIt
James Manni	Bridge and Turnpike Auth.
Bill Gasbarro	RI E911
Tom Crotty	RI State Police
Chief Antone Monroe	Narragansett Tribe
Peter Gaynor	Director RIEMA

10:02 Meeting called to order and, roll call was conducted, there was a quorum. Vice Chairman Peter Ginaitt made an opening statement referencing the new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) dealing with standard testing of new radio equipment on the RISCON System.

A motion by Peter Ginaitt to adopt the new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) dealing with new Radio Equipment being tested on the RISCON System. The motion was second by Brian Glance and a vote was conducted with 13 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, the motion passed.

The following members voted in the affirmative

LTC Richard Merrill	RI National Guard	Nelson Pedro	RI Level 1 Trauma CTR
James McLaughlin	Fire Chiefs Association	Chris McGrath	Dept. of Health
Joseph DelGiudice	Prov. Communications	Brian Glancy	Member at Large
Ralph Nahigian	RISCON North	Dawn Lewis	HIRA
Scott Lessard	RISCON South	Jamie Pereira	RIPTA

Wally Falkowski  
Frank Floor

Dept. Corrections  
DEM

Peter Ginaitt

Vice Chairman

No votes in the negative.

The next motion made by Brian Glancy to allow Harris Radio equipment (75 and 100 Models) on to the RISCO system in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure of the RISCO system. Testing was conducted at Smithfield Fire Department, Pawtucket Fire Department and North Kingston Police department with no reported issues related to the operational testing of Harris radios. Chris McGrath seconded the motion and a vote was conducted with 13 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, the motion passed.

The following members voted in the affirmative

LTC Richard Merrill  
James McLaughlin  
Joseph DelGiudice  
Ralph Nahigian  
Scott Lessard  
Wally Falkowski  
Frank Floor

RI National Guard  
Fire Chiefs Association  
Prov. Communications  
RISCO North  
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Dept. Corrections  
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Nelson Pedro  
Chris McGrath  
Brian Glancy  
Dawn Lewis  
Jamie Pereira  
Peter Ginaitt

RI Level 1 Trauma CTR  
Dept. of Health  
Member at Large  
HIRA  
RIPTA  
Vice Chairman

No votes in the negative.

### **New Business**

The Vice Chairman explained a new idea with the administering of grants dealing with radio communications equipment. The focus would be on interoperability but, would provide support to network systems versus portable and mobile radios. This started some length conversation on what the focus would mean to locals and state departments.

### **Technical Sub Committee - Brian Glancy**

He stated that the committee needs to have its membership re-organized since a few members have left the committee.

### **Budget and Capitol – Vacant**

### **Compliance and Customer Service - Vacant**

### **Training and Education – Deputy Chief James McLaughlin**

We have completed training with the State Police which have helped to establish the State communication training module. This training was given to 120 RISP over a two month period. We continue to work on getting the COMMS training program on cornerstone the state's training tool.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Frank Floor and seconded Brian Glancy

11:07 next meeting will be April 5 2016 at 10 am at Amica Insurance conference center.