

## ATTENDEES

Deputy Director Edward Johnson, Brian Glancy Retired State Police, Lt. Karen Pinch RISP, Mike Walsh RIEMA, Joe McGarry Providence Communications, John Vernancio, New England Ambulance, Mike Scanlon, RI DEM, Peter Ginaitt, Lifespan, Thomas Crotty, RISP, Ron Provost, Motorola, Inc., Chief Michael Dillon, Providence Fire, Gina Caruolo, DOC, Paul Budzenski, RIEMA, Michael Ocone, Greater Washington EMS, Brian Swann, Motorola, Tony Lupinacci, DOIT, Ralph Nahigian, North Providence Communications, Edward Scott, RIPTA, David Snell, Lifespan, Sam Adams, DOH, Chief Sid Wordell, Little Compton Police, James Vierra, DOC, Chief Jim Taylor, Providence Fire

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Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Director Smith

- Distributed voting membership list. NOTE: even if you are not on the voting membership list you are encouraged to participate. Your input and ideas are valued and important.
- Norm Boucher's firm proposed a quote to take a look at our statewide frequency allocation to see what is out there what works and what doesn't and will be trying to get everything under one umbrella.
- Yesterday's meeting produced some slides (approximately 40) which will be distributed to the NEMA in Washington at the upcoming meeting.
- Value of the 4G technology is the opportunity to stream video and integrate performance capabilities. We are tracking this and will bring a more detailed overview to this committee for review. At some point we will have to make some decisions for the future.
- On the website RIEMA.ri.gov – there is a link to performance accountability for RISCO and ICC is included in that. The site provides a report of the agency's accomplishments, how funding is distributed and will also allow us the ability to explain our requests for additional funding when necessary.

**Tony:** Building a data center in the coming year and building out fiber infrastructure with DOT engineers – we see a lot of benefit working together with a lot of agencies on this committee.

**Brian Clancy** – yesterday participated in the Motorola meeting. The product has good applications but may not be as fast. However, they are still learning more about what the product is and does.

**Joe McGarry** – Rebanding should be done by end of the month and working with OCEAN to bring fiber down to all our facilities. System is working well. 9 vehicle repeaters still to be done mostly likely by end of May.

**John Vernaccio** – Attended a panel discussion relating to the Station Nightclub fire. In another disaster like that, we'd be in much better shape thanks to this committee and the advances we've made.

**Ralph** – Regarding the North side rebanding –waiting for Boston to vacate some channels before we can reband. They are looking at 10 months out. We will continue to find ways for them to vacate more quickly.

**Gina Caruolo** – A new SOP draft will be available by the next meeting.

**Peter Ginaitt** – David Schnell will send out an email regarding the state wide drill to test the communications between hospitals. March 25 1:00pm is the informational meeting with the drill on April 14 9:00am-1:00pm.

**Sam** – In the process of upgrading radios in nursing homes. Mike Walsh is working on getting the radios updated to RISCO.

**Sid** – general back up systems for the tower in Little Compton is complete, hooked up and functioning.

Meeting adjourned 9:55am

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