

RIEMA-ICC 07.06.10

9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Dir. J. David Smith, Chair

Sid Wordell, Little Compton PD

Joe McGarry, Providence Communications

Karen Pinch, RISP

Brian Swann, Motorola

Ron Provost, Motorola

Norman Boucher, CDCG

John Vernancio, New England Ambulance

Ed Scott, RIPTA

Paul Laflamme, RIPTA

Mike Walsh, RIEMA

Jeff Stevens, DOH/CEPR

Brian Glancy, RISP-Retired

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Director Smith.

- The last meeting minutes were accepted. No discussion. All in favor.
- Introduction of Ed Scott and Paul LaFlamme from RIPTA. They are in the process of putting smart technology on all the RIPTA buses.
- The director received many emails over the weekend regarding cooling systems. The director will follow up with getting temporary cooling systems.
- Presentation by Norman Boucher:
 - CDCG is a wireless consulting service.
 - CDCG's RI Project Team:
 - Norman Boucher, Project Manager
 - Emil Vogel, Support Staff
 - Alireza Shahnami, Support Staff
 - Robert Gurss, Esquire (Attorney if required, but not in budget)
 - Perform FCC audit of RI FCC licenses.
 - Identify and categorize RI 800 MHz licenses.
 - Compliance with rules and correctness of license data.
 - Recent new sites filing identifies discrepancy between RI and Region 19 data.
 - Develop frequencies and site data matrix.
 - Identify and determine local/regional 800 MHz frequency currently licensed that can be expanded statewide. For examples: Department of Transportation and Department of Corrections.
 - Identify new 800 MHz frequency that can be licensed in northern and southern zones. If channels found, prepare applications and file.
 - Frequency licensing process.
 - 40 dBu, 22 dBu and 5 dBu, contours are the key to successful licensing.

- Assessment of RIPTA 800 MHz license. 15 channels licensed to RIPTA. Identify RIPTA final requirements.
- High level regulatory and technology discussion regarding 700 MHz.
- RI 12.5 KHz allocations (700 MHz). Total number of channels is 72. Total number of state channels is 15.
- Evacuate existing site engineering issues to enhance coverage and mitigate interference. For example: Westerly site.
- Worcester is interested in one of RI's channels.
- Dir. Smith: The discussion regarding assignment of chairs and representatives for Region 19 is continued until the next meeting.
 - If anyone is interested in being representative/chair for Region 19 send a letter of interest to RIEMA.
 - It was recommended that a correspondence be sent to Region 19 and inform them about the ICC's interest in filling all RI chairs.
- Norm Boucher: Recommends having a frequency coordinator in RI.
- Chief Wordell: Discussed coverage not being what it used to be in Fall River.
- Karen Pinch: Discussed that she needs to determine if SWAT has any concerns regarding their conversations being heard by all radios.
- Ron Provost: Passed around a northern and southern RI composite coverage map.
- New Business: Discussion regarding foundation of a tower rock anchors to be installed this week.
- Northern and Southern Maps:
 - Ongoing discussion regarding move from Warren to East Providence and Tiverton antennae.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Next Meeting 07.15.10 at 9:00 a.m. at same location.

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