

RIEMA-ICC  
August 3, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Dir. J. David Smith, Chair  
Paul Budzenski, RIEMA  
Joe McGarry, Providence Communications  
Thomas Crotty, RISP  
Ralph Nahigian, North Providence Communications  
Ron Provost, Motorola  
Brian Swann, Motorola  
John Vernancio, New England Ambulance  
James Vierra, RIDOC  
Gerald Masso, RIDOC  
Michael Walsh, RIEMA  
Brian Glancy, RISP Retired  
Joe Bucci, RIDOT/TMC  
Bill Nordstrom, RIDOT/Jacobs  
Andrew Zarlenga, New England Ambulance  
David Schnell, Jr., Lifespan  
Peter Ginaitt, Lifespan

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Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Director Smith.

- The last meeting minutes were accepted. No discussion. All in favor.
- Dir Smith: Status of D-Block Auction:
  - Private sector wants to buy the spectrum through an auction.
  - Public safety side does not want the D-Block auctioned off.
  - We want to protect the spectrum so it can be available to the public safety entities.
  - Rhode Island is moving forward with the high performance data (HPD).
- Impact of decision for RI:
  - Report from Chief Walsh about recent conference in Utah. They discussed the D-Block and statewide operability.
  - Progress of migration to new RISP facility. Thomas Crotty: The transfer went smoothly.
  - Dir. Smith: Newport was awarded the Fire Act Grant. We do not know the details at this point, such as the amount.
  - North Kingstown/Newport- Look at the site this week.
  - Cumberland-The rock anchors went in and it has to pass the strength test. It is all set to go maybe by the end of the month the tower will be in place.
  - URI- Looking to turn the microwave around and go straight into Exeter, which will take the load off Portsmouth.
  - East Providence/Warren- Moving the sites from Warren to East Providence. Warren does not lose any coverage.

- Dir. Smith: Westerly upgrade-Opportunity to refigure antennae.
- Mike Walsh: Regan-Process of getting a purchase order then start process of putting in microwave, change antennae and that will be on the North.
- Mike Walsh: Rebanding-50 to 75 stragglers, all the subscribers are done.
- Dir. Smith: Being held up by one Boston channel, they need to vacate the channel.
- Standard Operation Guidelines-SOG committee has not met. They are done. Mike Walsh will resend out SOG via email.
- Mike Walsh: The 700MHZ is behind schedule and will not be done until January or February.
- RIPTA needs 79, which is required by application. We are skipping from 77 to 79.
- Dir. Smith: We are currently watching Colin the tropical storm.
- In the process of putting together a cabinet training.
- Mike Walsh: Has to double check the video and make sure it is the final form.
- There is a real need for training.
- Discussion of permanent patch authorization by ICC only. We need to protect the system.
- Nextel is selling a device (PP3), which goes between service and RISSCON. We need to speak with the corporate offices regarding this matter.
- We cannot have an unauthorized patch. The result is noise on the system and interference.
- Ralph Nahigian: A temporary patch has to be utilizing approved equipment.
- Mike Walsh: Suggests sending out a correspondence to the police and fire departments stating this issue and the ICC protocol.
- Brian Glancy: Motion that any RISSCON users may not engage or turn on a permanent patch between there legacy communication system and RISSCON without the specific authorization of the RISSCON staff. All in favor. No opposed.
- No New Business.
- Old Business
  - Brian Glancy: Putting cameras in and in the process of updating the mesh system. Prudence Island wants to borrow some radios.
  - Mike Walsh: Have wide area 3 in two weeks for lifespan.
  - Peter Ginaitt: Helicopters need to be able to communicate.
  - Tom Crotty: Final microwave updates by September.
  - Wide area 1 & 2 is for hailing. Wide area 4 is for funerals.
  - Peter Ginaitt: Would like the hospitals to video share with DOT.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting is Monday, August 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at same location.

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