

SUMMIT COUNTY
System Administrative Committee
May 27, 2010

PRIMARYS

Kevin Read	City of Akron
David Gatie	Tallmadge Fire Department
Glenn Goodrich	Fairlawn Fire Department
Joe Tulak	Akron Public Schools
Don Adams	Mogadore Fire Department
David Calderone	Coventry Fire Department
Paul Amonett	Stow Fire Department
Paul Moledor	Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department
Perry Surgeon	New Franklin Fire Department
William Snow	Bath Township

ALTERNATES

Doug Cincurak	City of Green
John Dolensky	Coventry Fire Department
Ken Starcher	City of Cuyahoga Falls

GUESTS

Steve Phillips	Akron Police Department
Dave Reichelt	City of Stow/L-TRONICS
Michael Prebonick	Akron Police Department
Carly Lange	Summit County Emergency Management
Valerie De Rose	Summit County Emergency Management
Karen Gregorcic	South Summit Central Dispatch
Patrick Gaffney	Tallmadge Fire Department
Michael Benson	Copley Fire Department
Steve Leslie	New Franklin Fire Department
Lou Dirker	Stow Police Department
Ginger Bates	Stow Police Department
Kathi Russ	Motorola
Ron Mirka	Motorola
Michael Szabo	B & C

The meeting of the System Administrative Committee was called to order by Chairperson Calderone on Thursday, May 27, 2010, in the Fifth Floor Conference Room of the Akron CitiCenter Building, 146 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Calderone reviewed the minutes from the April 22, 2010 System Administrative Committee meeting. Lt. Amonett made a motion to approve the April 22,

2010 minutes; Chief Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Calderone stated that there is no correspondence to review.

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/OWNER'S REPORT

Mr. Read stated that there have been some issues with the antennae at the Twinsburg Tower location. He stated that crews are currently working to resolve the problem.

Chairperson Calderone reported that the System Administrator position as a county employee was approved at County Council and is currently pending signature by the Executive. He anticipates approximately four – eight weeks before the System Administrator is in place.

Mr. Read stated that he is looking to hold a county-wide rebanding meeting the week of July 12.

The City of Akron Communications Division has received most of the radios and is anticipating receiving ten more pallets today.

It was determined that the next System Administrative Committee meeting would be held on July 15, 2010, along with the county wide rebanding meeting, rather than meeting July 22, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STATE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC)

Chairperson Calderone stated that the last SIEC meeting was held on April 21, 2010. This meeting was well attended by representation from Summit County.

The SIEC has adopted the Homeland Security Planning Region 5 Interoperability Advisory Committee. It is now necessary to develop a charter for the Region 5 Committee.

Chairperson Calderone stated that the State held another COM-L Class. Captain Prebonick of Akron Police Department attended this training.

Chairperson Calderone stated that Summit County now has eight trained COM-L of the 100 across the state.

Chairperson Calderone stated that the SIEC has also adopted the state standard regarding NIPSPAC, including ITAC 2 or 4 and the MedFlight standard.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2010.

HSPR5IAC

Chairperson Calderone stated that the Homeland Security Region 5 Interoperability Advisory Committee recently met at the Summit County Sheriff's Office Training Center. The charter was approved and a secretary was appointed.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2010.

WORKING GROUP

Chairperson Calderone stated that the Working Group was tasked to develop recommendations for the System Administrative Committee's consideration for post-rebanding with MAC, MERC, MARCS, NIPSPAC and FailSoft. The requirement was that the plan must be transition-friendly.

Chairperson Calderone stated that the Summit County rebanding process will take up 24 months to complete. It is necessary for the plan to work in conjunction with the rebanding process, as well as be realistic.

Chairperson Calderone stated that he would like to recognize the Working Group the efforts spent in developing this plan.

Chief Gatie reviewed the demonstration regarding the proposal for MAC, MERC, MARCS, NIPSPAC and FailSoft. He stated that the Working Group tried to develop a plan requiring the least amount of training in the field.

Chief Gatie stated that MERC would no longer be discipline specific; the new plan would be an all-hazard plan.

Chief Moledor inquired about the appropriate channel for SORT.

Chairperson Calderone and Ms. De Rose stated that SORT would now utilize MERC 1.

Chief Gatie reviewed the entire plan, as attached.

Chief Goodrich made a motion to adopt the recommended plan for MAC, MERC, MARCS and NIPSPAC; Mr. Snow seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Chairperson Calderone noted that the FailSoft plan has not been voted on and is still in draft form.

Chairperson Calderone stated that at this point, in the event of a disaster, all channels roll over to one talk group, which can cause an issue.

Chief Gatie stated that the new plan will arrange departments in better logical order.

Chief Gatie provided a brief overview of FailSoft 22 which would eliminate some MAC and MERC channels.

Chief Benson stated that Bath Township, Copley Township, the City of Fairlawn and the City of Norton submitted a grant application for funding to enhance the current 800 MHz

tower located in Fairlawn.

A press release went out from Senator Sherrod Brown's office stating that the funding has been awarded for the project, however Copley Township has not received an official award.

Chief Benson stated that the \$800,000.00 will assist the communities in eliminating coverage issues on the west side of the county.

Chairperson Calderone noted that the project will eliminate coverage problems but will decrease the channel capacity of the tower.

Chairperson Calderone stated that there is a concern that adjustments to the System should not take place without conversation at the System Administrative Committee.

Chief Goodrich stated that the necessary expansion to the tower was discussed two to three years ago and that he had specific conversation approximately three to four months ago that the communities were seeking funding to support the specific goals to expand the tower.

Chairperson Calderone noted that the full concept of the project was not fully understood by the System Administrative Committee; however he understands the need for the expansion. There are some concerns regarding the current process for changes of the System.

Ms. Russ of Motorola stated that the only opportunity to expand the current 800 MHz system within Summit County is to enhance the capabilities of the current towers. It is not possible to add towers to the system without reducing the capacity of the system.

Chief Surgeon noted his concern that the City of New Franklin was misled at the time of joining the Summit County 800 MHz Regional Radio System.

It was the understanding of the City of New Franklin that the Owner's of the System were continuing to pursue the addition of a tower in the southern part of the county to eliminate the coverage issues currently faced in New Franklin.

Chief Surgeon is concerned that he is now being told that a new tower is not feasible to the System.

Chairperson Calderone stated that the information was misrepresented by previous administration; however Motorola has been providing the same information over the past several years.

Mr. Starcher suggested that a change of such magnitude to the System should come before of vote by the System Administrative Committee.

Chairperson Calderone stated that as a representative of Coventry Township, he agrees that such changes should come to the Committee for a vote.

Chairperson Calderone stated that he is going to request a meeting with the Owners to ensure that everyone is on the same page for the future.

Chief Kallai asked what happens in future with that particular project. He doesn't want to see \$800,000.00 wasted if the expansion is not adaptable in the future.

Chairperson Calderone stated that there is a need for a plan for the future of the System.

Mr. Snow stated that he would like to sit on such a Planning Committee for the System.

Chairperson Calderone suggested adding the development of a longterm planning committee with executive level thinking for the future of the System to the agenda for the System Administrative Committee meeting in June.

Chairperson Calderone inquired about what representation should be involved in this committee.

Chief Moledor made a motion to establish a committee for short, medium and long term systems planning for the entire system; Lt. Cincurak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chief Goodrich suggested that the Owners be involved and asked how that request should be communicated.

Chairperson Calderone stated that the Owners will welcome such a committee and planning, as they want a strong Summit County System as well.

Chief Goodrich suggested that Mayors and Trustees representatives should also be included on this committee, as there may be a need for a tax to support necessary upgrades in the future.

Chairperson Calderone stated that bringing in the Radio System Administrator is critical in this process.

USAGE REPORTS

MAC

No new report.

MERC

No new report.

EMERGENCY BUTTON ACTIVATION

Mr. Read provided a report for emergency button activation during the month of April.

SITE SUMMARY REPORT

Mr. Read provided the Site Summary report for the month of April.

PROGRAMMING REPORT

No new programming to report.

OLD BUSINESS

TALKGROUP CHANNEL CHANGING

Mr. Read stated that Akron Communications completed some testing in some communities and there were a few issues determined. Those issues are being corrected today.

Chairperson Calderone stated that if there are any technical problems with radios or with the System, users should document the issues in writing and submit to Mr. Read as well as the System Administrative Committee Chair.

IECGP

Chairperson Calderone stated that he is going to request a report out of the Interoperability Emergency Communications Grant at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairperson Calderone congratulated Copley Township, Bath Township, the City of Fairlawn and the City of Norton for receiving the grant to enhance the Fairlawn tower.

Chief Benson stated that it was the only option for the current infrastructure and it is a good problem to have.

Chief Gatie stated that he has been working with Mogadore Fire Department and Metro Flight and the concerns with communications issues. They were very happy to hear about ITAC 2 and 4. Metro Flight is interested in attending the System Administrative Committee.

NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Calderone stated the next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 24, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Fifth Floor Conference Room of the Akron CitiCenter Building, 146 South High Street, Akron, OH 44308.**

Community	SAC Representatives	
	Primary	Alternate
City of Akron	Kevin Read	Robert Ross
County of Summit	Lori Pesci	Sharon McMurray
Munroe Falls	Jim Bowery	No Alternate Identified
Mogadore	Don Adams	Michael Rick
Tallmadge	Dave Gatie	Don Zesiger
Lakemore	<i>C. Bittner</i>	Dave Carter
Akron Board of Ed	Joe Tulak	Robert Boxler
Coventry	David Calderone	John Dolensky
Norton	Mike Schultz	Michelle Toris
Airport	Todd Laps	Barry Irwin
Springfield	Victor Wincik	John Smith
New Franklin	Perry Surgeon	Dan Davidson
Green	Bob Calderone	Doug Cincurak
Peninsula	Chief McCue	Tim Baker
Valley Fire	Charlie Reidel	Tim Baker
Humane Society	Tim Harland	No Alternate Identified
Fairlawn	Glenn Goodrich	Dave Mason
Bath	Bill Snow	Mike McNeely
Stow	Paul Amonett	Bill Kalbaugh
Copley	David Sattler	Jim Rogers
Clinton	John Yohey	No Alternate Identified
Silver Lake	Carl Harrison	Gary DeMoss
Metro Parks	Grant Van Fossen	Doug Sheppard
Cuyahoga Falls	Paul Moledor	Ken Starcher
Barberton	Michael Kallai	Kim Baldwin

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