



JOINT OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

APPROVED

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 • 1:30 p.m.
LA-RICS Headquarters – Large Conference Room
2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Operations Committee Members Present:

John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Kyle Zuniga, Chair, County of Los Angeles, Fire Department
Tab Rhodes, Vice-Chair, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Kay Fruhwirth, Los Angeles County DHS
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department
Jeff Steinhoff, Sergeant, Inglewood Police Department
Ron Sagmit, Lieutenant, Signal Hill Police Department

Technical Committee Members Present:

John Geiger, Los Angeles County, CEO
Scott England, Vice-Chair, Telecommunications Engineer Command and Control, LACoFD
Information Officer, EMS Agency, County of LADHS
Tab Rhodes, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Jeffrey Morgan, Los Angeles County DHS
Ted Pao, Chair, Information Technology Specialist, Los Angeles County Internal Services Department
Ric Walczak, Lieutenant, Covina Police Department
Jeff Steinhoff, Sergeant, Inglewood Police Department
Ron Sagmit, Lieutenant, Signal Hill Police Department

Absent:

Chris Donovan, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Anthony Vairo, L.A. County Police Chiefs Association
Elliot Kase, Assistant Chief of Police, Alhambra Police Department
James Craig, Manhattan Beach Fire Department

Officers Present:

Scott D. Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director
Joann Huerta, LA-RICS Committee Secretary



NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Operations Committee Chair Kyle Zuniga called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – Roll Call

Operations Committee Chair Kyle Zuniga asked for a roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present for both committees.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. July 24, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Operations Committee Chair Kyle Zuniga asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Kay Fruhwirth moved to approve first, seconded by Technical Committee Chair Ted Pao.

Ayes 10: Geiger, Zuniga, Rhodes, Fruhwirth, Walczak, Steinhoff, Sagmit, England, Morgan, and Pao

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (NONE)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – (NONE)

VI. REPORTS (B-C)

B. Status Report Update for LTE – Eileen Healy

Eileen Healy, a consultant with Televate, provided an update on the Long Term Evolution (LTE) Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN).

The PSBN assets transferred to AT&T at the end of June 2018. FirstNet/AT&T work is underway to transfer sites to the FirstNet core network. In the meantime, member agencies continue to use the PSBN. There are mechanisms in place to prevent conflicts between the PSBN and FirstNet/AT&T. LA-RICS expects up to 36 sites to transition this year and the remaining 40 sites in early 2019.

LA-RICS will continue to work with Member agencies who are using the PSBN in order to migrate their services to FirstNet/AT&T. Transitional AT&T service has been made available to Member Agencies as they move to FirstNet. ISD is working on a FirstNet contract and we continue to work with device vendors to provide the best solutions for a smooth migration for LA-RICS' members.



Work continues on the site selection for additional FirstNet sites that will be constructed by LA-RICS over the next 18-24 months. We also are working to assign existing site access agreements to AT&T.

Project Director Chris Odenthal added that work is underway on the 26 sites that LA-RICS is building out for the Round 2 deployment. If any of your cities have particular spotty coverage or your agencies have spotty coverage from AT&T that you would like to remedy in order to participate in FirstNet, or if you have a site location, please let us know. You can reach out to any of the Joint Operations and Technical chairs and they will pass that information on to us. LA-RICS is finalizing the site plan and have worked with some cities including, Azusa, Inglewood, Irwindale and Cerritos about areas where AT&T has poor coverage. The new site can be an existing tower, a new tower or a rooftop. For example, we are looking at the roof of Inglewood City Hall. LA-RICS is currently replacing Irwindale Police Department tower.

C. Status Report Update for LMR – Justin Delfino

Program Manager Delfino provided a list of sites that are under construction and those that are active and planned. He provided details supporting the construction-related activities occurring at these sites to date.

LMR Update: Last Thursday there was outreach activity in Temecula at the Los Angeles Police Chief Association meeting. We are working through all the phases of the project, some sites are in planning, others are completing. The sites that we are currently focused on building as of today are funded by UASI 16 grant. An example of a current site under construction is this building, the LA-RICS-HQ from which we have a Microwave link established to Fire Command and Control Facility (FCCF). We are ahead of schedule on this particular project.

Signal Hill (SGH), Lancaster Sheriff's Station (LAN) and Verdugo Peak (VPK) are wrapping up construction activity and are planned to finish on time. Immediately upcoming sites are UCLA, which will provide nice coverage in the west LA area and Pomona (POM) our final courthouse installation. Under UASI 16 we will be constructing Cerro Negro in La Cañada, the relocation of the generator and tank at Clara Shortridge Foltz is going to be completed under UASI 16 as well. That work is set to take place in the next month and it will be completed on schedule by the end of this year.

Outside of UASI 16 we are heavily involved in planning for future sites, such as those in the US. Forest. We are working toward the submission of the SF299 application to The Forest. Other UASI 17 sites are being designed right now and finishing design in addition to the 58 sites.



We are in a position with Motorola where we are dealing with ups and downs of how the work progress has been going. We have been very happy with the quality of the work and the cleanliness of the sites as well as the finished product. We are looking forward to getting some testing started in June 2019: the downtown cell and the Northern desert cell are what we are penciling in right now for early testing. Our team is working with Motorola later this month to go over the finer points of the acceptance and test schedule

This concluded the Program Manager's Report.

Technical Vice-Chair Scott England stated that we were talking about bringing up one of the test cells. What is the timeline of possibly doing that? Program Manager Justin Delfino responded that the Downtown 700 which was tested and will be completed in June 2019 would be the right candidate.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS – (D)

D. Fleet Mapping Status

Committee Member Sergeant Sven Crongeyer stated the Operations and Technical Committee Fleet-mapping Working Group met on August 30, 2018. There were 15 people in attendance representing both LA-RICS member agencies and other regional radio systems. The following seven recommendations were agreed upon and are recommended for approval by the LA-RICS Operations and Technical Committee:

- A number of talk groups that could be instantly accessed by member agency personnel without prior approval should be allocated for short term interoperability purposes. These common talk groups could be named "LA-RICS 1-15"
- A number of talk groups that could be accessed by member agency personnel for larger scale, long term events / emergencies with prior approval from the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) should be allocated for interoperability purposes. These "mutual aid" talk groups could be named "LA-RICS MA 1-10"
- A number of pursuit talk groups that could be instantly accessed by personnel without prior approval should be allocated for pursuits that cross jurisdictional boundaries. These talk groups could be named "PURSUIT 1-3" and should be coordinated and connected with other regional radio systems; i.e. ICI has an existing "pursuit" talk group that could be connected with an LA-RICS "pursuit" talk group.



- A number of talk groups that could be instantly accessed by personnel without prior approval should be allocated for interoperability purposes with agencies who are not members of LA-RICS.

These common talk groups would be connected using ISSI technology and could be named "ISSI 1-16." Not only could radio systems such as ICI, The City of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach be connected, but surrounding counties could also be connected. Talk group naming should be coordinated via the CALSIEC Southern Planning Area committee.

- A Dispatcher to Dispatcher interoperable talk group should be created. This talk group could be connected to other radio systems via ISSI. The talk group could be named "DSP-DSP".
- Agencies who consistently interoperate with one another should be encouraged to create their own permanent talk groups in order to save time and avoid confusion while switching talk groups to communicate.
- Once LA-RICS interoperable talk group names are decided upon, all member agencies shall program these talk groups into their subscriber units and the names shall not be changed. Agencies shall continue to name internal talk groups whatever name(s) they choose.

Technical Vice-Chair England asked if they discussed the operating parameter made classified under a separate agreement, if that would remain standard or would we create our own? Technical Committee Member Crongeyer stated that we created our own operating parameters however we followed standard procedures as much as possible. The goal was to establish a basic guideline to be useful for Fire and Law Enforcement. Technical Vice-Chair England responded that this was like creating MOU between agencies. Committee Member Crongeyer stated for the most part there's more work to do.

Technical Chair Ted Pao asked if these interoperable talk groups are for both for Law Enforcement and Fire. Committee Member Crongeyer responded yes they are for both Law Enforcement and Fire. The consensus of the working group was not to complicate it. Vice-Chair England asked, was there any discussion to bring this to Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System (LARTCS)? Committee Member Crongeyer, stated yet there was and to California Statewide Interoperability



Executive Committee, (CalSIEC). CalSIEC will need to provide input at some point down the road someone from LA-RICS will meet with them.

Technical Chair Pao asked, did a representative from ICI attend the working group? Committee Member Crongeyer responded there was one member from ICI and no one from LA City, however the team will work to set up a meeting with LA City and LAPD and to work out interoperable talking group details. In addition Technical Chair Pao recommended engaging in discussions with Regional Planning Committee for Region 5 (RPC5) which includes Orange County, San Bernardino County, Riverside and San Diego County. This 700 MHz committee RPC5 has interoperable talk group's names for users in this region. What we establish would be consistent to what they are pursuing.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – (E)

E. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE LA-RICS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE THE LA-RICS' SECURITY POLICIES (POLICY NOS. 027-2018 AND 028-2018)

It is recommended the Joint Operations and Technical Committees:

Approve a recommendation to the Board to adopt the following LA-RICS security policies to enhance the Authority's Information Technology (IT) Security Program:

- Board Policy No. 027-2018 – LA-RICS Information Technology Physical Security Policy (Enclosure 1)
- Board Policy No. 028-2018 – LA-RICS Information Technology Risk Assessment and Audit Compliance Policy (Enclosure 2)

Member Geiger motioned first, seconded by Technical Chair Pao.

Ayes 10: Geiger, Zuniga, Rhodes, Fruhwirth, Walczak, Steinhoff, Sagmit, England, Morgan, and Pao

MOTION APPROVED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS – (NONE)

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – (NONE)



XII. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

Operations Committee Chair Zuniga announced adjournment of this meeting at 1:58 p.m., and the next Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., LA-RICS Headquarters, 2525 Corporate Place, Suite 200, Large Conference Room, Monterey Park, California 91754.