

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roberts, Shirrell – ALEA
Murph, Chuck – ALEA SWIC
Nail, Curtis – ALEA
Dawson, Cathy - ALEA
Blair, Ernie – ALNENA
Johnston, J.T. – AAEM
Fields, Willie – ADOC
Grabryan, George – AAND
Peterson, Jim – AACOP
Wood, Chauncey – AARS
Thompson, Steve – ADCNR
Barton, Michael – ASA
Pilgreen, Scott – AL Fire Marshall's Office
McGhee, Chris – Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Lord, Jon - AAFC
Randolph, Scott – ADECA
Lewis, Chris – DCNR
Hollon, Hugh – ADPH/OEMS
Smith, Brad – AFC
Grigsby, Steven Todd – AANG
Lee, Michael – P25 WG Chairman
Jenkins, Kevin – Calhoun County 911
Silis, Greg – Birmingham 911
Peacock, Brian – Baldwin County Commission
Job, Michael – Baldwin County Commission
Ranson, Richard – University of Alabama
Smith, Ray – Phenix City PD
Trimmier, Denise – Jefferson Co. IT
Williams, Jim – Florence/Lauderdale EMA
Etheredge, Chris – Dothan Fire
Ward, Jimmy – Dothan Fire
Lord, Jon Michael – Rocky Ridge Fire District
Montanari, Pam – DHS/OEC
Kaluta, Roman – Raytheon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cosby, Drayton – Cosby Group
Montana, Scott – Motorola
Gamble, Dallas – Motorola
Durrence, Susan – Motorola
Pilgreen, Michelle – SouthernLINC

Smith, Michael – SouthernLINC
Butts, Rob – SouthernLINC
Sadler, Don – Sharp Communications
Reynolds, Rex – Sharp Communications
Wood, Gary – Verizon
Sinco, Rachel - Verizon
Spiers, Blake – Harris Corp.
Holt, Jordan – Harris Corp.
Pappas, Chris – Hurricane Elect.
Young, Dirk – Hurricane Elect.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Shirrell Roberts, ALEA Deputy Director, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and provided introductory remarks welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking the AFRWC members for their commitment to these important efforts. Mr. Roberts recognized that there is a quorum present to conduct the meeting. Mr. Roberts introduced Ms. Cathy Dawson, formerly DPS, who is now assisting ALEA as Program Manager of Education & Outreach.

AGENDA ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Charles Murph, ALEA SWIC, called for acceptance of the agenda. Chief Jon Lord, AAFC, made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Chauncey Wood, AARS, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

JUNE 24th MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Murph requested the attendees to review the minutes from the June 24th, 2014, meeting to determine if any corrections are necessary. Mr. Chris McGhee, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, requested that the attendee list be corrected to reflect his name on the list of attendees. Mr. Murph called for a motion to accept the minutes as amended with corrections. Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the minutes, Colonel Steve Thompson, ADCNR, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the minutes were accepted.

SEPTEMBER 9th MINUTES:

Special guest, Ms. Pam Montanari, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications (DHS/OEC), was introduced. Ms. Montanari has accepted a position with OEC as our Regional Representative. She will assist with the planning, preparation and coordination of our Technical Assistance (TA) requests and Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) to ensure continuity with the National Interoperability Field Operations Guide (NIFOG) and the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP). Ms. Montanari provided a presentation on her role as the regional representative and the functions of the OEC regarding Standards Development, SAFECOM, Cyber Security, Major Events, Emergency Communications Preparedness Center (ECPC), National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) etc.

Special Guest, Chief Ray Smith, Phenix City Police Department was introduced. Chief Smith provided a presentation regarding the implementation of a new P25 radio system in Phenix City Alabama. The legacy radio system consisted of a UHF system implemented in 1973 which had not been performing well. The mandate to switch to a narrowbanded radio system resulted in a 40% loss in coverage, leaving areas without radio coverage. The new P25 system will consist of two tower sites, one in Phenix City and one in Seale Alabama. Chief Smith approached the AFRWC for frequency coordination, excess system capability availability and tying into other switches located in the state. The system is still in the planning stages and should be

operational by June of 2015. Chief Jim Peterson, AACOP, requested that Chief Smith describe some of the new system funding issues that were encountered. Mr. Wood, AARS, questioned the continued availability of UHF for Search and Rescue and also Volunteer Fire Departments. Chief Smith responded that the ability to support legacy systems (VHF/UHF) will be available through the use of gateways into the new system and existing legacy repeater sites. Mr. J.T. Johnston, AAEM, questioned if the availability of other systems influenced the decision regarding the type of new radio system to select. Chief Smith responded; yes, the ability to utilize/leverage existing P25 cores located in the state saved Phenix City millions of dollars by not having to purchase its own core. A software service agreement must be included in the system cost to maintain version compatibility with statewide systems.

WORKGROUP REPORTS:

- P-25 System Administrators Workgroup. Mr. Michael Lee, P-25 WG Chairman, began with an overview of the past quarter. Several meetings were conducted to support efforts to tie several network cores together. Several members attended the APCO conference. Mr. Lee requested Mr. Ernie Blair, recently elected chairman of ALNENA, to provide background on the MissionCritical Communications magazine article "P25 in Alabama, Building a Statewide Network on a Budget". Mr. Blair recognized Mr. Murph's assistance in the writing of the article. The article was the cover story on the MissionCritical issue given out at the APCO conference.
- State Agency Workgroup. Mr. Jeb Hargrove, State Agency WG Chairman, was absent due to jury duty. Mr. Murph gave a brief synopsis of the workgroup activities. The workgroup has met several times to continue with CASM data entry of assets located across the state. This will assist with information required by FirstNet and statewide P25 network evaluation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The State 700MHz FCC license, WPTZ783, has been submitted by the deadline and accepted by the FCC. Mr. Murph will be happy to answer any questions regarding this and provide documentation upon request. This business is concluded. There was a discussion of the FCC narrow banding requirement deadline being extended or eliminated. The current guidance is that it will be extended.
- Mr. Murph provided an update on the Army Corp of Engineers Towers. There is a waiting period, prior to auction, to offer the tower assets to the DOD. That period is close to conclusion. Mr. Murph is working to obtain the sites from the federal government for the state prior to them being placed on GSA.
- Mr. Curtis Nail, ALEA, provided an update on the status of the Divisional Advisory Committees (DAC). A request for the state associations to provide representative for

each of the state divisions was sent out and the response has been less than ideal. Mr. Nail requested the support of the members of the AFRWC to provide this information so that moving forward the AFRWC can satisfy its requirement to FirstNet to demonstrate outreach to the stakeholders as well as include the stakeholders in the efforts to build a statewide P25 radio system.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Murph introduced Ms. Cathy Dawson as the new Program Manager of Education & Outreach.
- Ms. Dawson provided an update on efforts to develop an AFRWC website and social media presence. The website design is being developed with assistance for the University of Alabama. The website will have information for the public and the AFRWC such as; a calendar of events, AFRWC members with contact information, Forums and Twitter feed. The AFRWC Facebook page is now active. Ms. Dawson also provided an update on the planning for the 2015 Alabama Interoperability Summit and Regional Broadband Summit. The proposed location for the summit is Mobile Alabama. This will be a full week event consisting of State first responder representatives, Vendor Expo, Luncheons, Regional first responder representatives, FirstNet representatives and the AFRWC meeting.
- AFRWC Portraits & Biographies. Ms. Dawson and Mr. Nail provided information regarding the scheduling of an AFRWC commissioner portrait session. These portraits will be used for the AFRWC website. Also short personal biographies, paragraph or two, were requested from each commissioner for the AFRWC website. The portraits will be taken by the photo lab at the Montgomery Trooper post during the next AFRWC meeting. All AFRWC commissioners are requested to wear formal business attire (suit & tie) for the photo session.
- FirstNet Initial Consultation Update. Mr. Nail provided an update on this initial consultation between FirstNet and the AFRWC. The meeting topics were presented as well as the timelines for submittal.
- Legislative Strategy. Mr. Murph presented a brief outline of goals and objectives recommended for the AFRWC to consider.

PROPOSED DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

- December 9, 2014 in Montgomery, AL

ADJOURN:

- Mr. Murph called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wood, AARS, made a motion to adjourn, Mr. George Grabryan, AAND, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.