



**Alabama First Responder Wireless
Commission Meeting
December 9th, 2014
Montgomery, AL**

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
Barton, Michael – ASA
Pilgreen, Scott – AL Fire Marshall's Office
McGhee, Chris – Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Lord, Jon – AAFC
Lewis, Chris – DCNR
Smith, Brad – AFC
Lee, Michael – P25 WG Chairman
Jenkins, Kevin – Calhoun County 911
Ranson, Richard – University of Alabama
Etheredge, Chris – Dothan Fire
Ward, Jimmy – Dothan Fire
Linsley, Eric – Mobile County
Forte, Nick – GCHIDTA
McBurnett, Anita – Marshall Co. EMA
Moffett, Joey – AAVFD
McKee, Tim – ALM
Strickland, Bill – ACCA
Hargrove, Jeb – AEMA
Stokes, Michael – ALDOT
McKinley, Chuck – Baldwin Co. 9-1-1
Smith, Gina – ADECA
Welty, Ryan – Morgan Co. 9-1-1
Wright, Jamey – Morgan Co. 9-1-1
Johnson, Terry – Morgan Co. 9-1-1



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Albritton, Greg – State Senator
Glover, Rusty – State Senator
Hamm, John – ALEA
Fields, Brad – AGI
Ingram, Reed – AL Representative
Vincent, John – ALEA
Blaze, David – Lake Martin Search & Rescue
Newman, Terry – Lake Martin Search & Rescue
Neighbors, Scott – Lake Martin Search & Rescue
Gamble, Dallas – Motorola
Durrence, Susan – Motorola
Pilgreen, Michelle – SouthernLINC
Reynolds, Rex – Sharp Communications
Holt, Jordan – Harris Corp.



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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. He recognized State Senator Rusty Glover, new ALEA staff member Mr. John Hamm and Chief Tim McKee, ALM in attendance. Mr. Roberts recognized that there is a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

AGENDA ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Roberts called for acceptance of the agenda. Mr. Chauncey Wood, AARS, made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. George Grabryan, AAND, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 9th MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Roberts requested the attendees to review the minutes from the September 9th, 2014 meeting to determine if any corrections are necessary. Mr. Roberts called for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chief Jon Lord, AAFC, made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Wood, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DECEMBER 9th MINUTES:

Mr. Roberts turned the meeting over to Mr. Chuck Murph, ALEA. Mr. Murph called for the workgroup reports.

WORKGROUP REPORTS:

- P-25 System Administrators Workgroup. Mr. Michael Lee, P-25 WG Chairman, reported that a few weeks ago the P25 WG & the State Agency WG met together and worked on the development of the brochure "Protecting Alabama Lives and Property, The Need for a Statewide Mission Critical Interoperable Communications System". This will be a useful tool for the commission.
- State Agency Workgroup. Mr. Jeb Hargrove, State Agency WG Chairman, reported that during the meeting between the P25 WG and State Agencies WG they worked together to develop statewide agency talk groups for 700 MHz systems. The WG is working to finalize this and forward to the Policies & Procedures WG for presentation to the



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commission for approval. The FCC eliminated the 700 MHz narrowbanding requirements in October for the deadline that was set for December 1st, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Murph provided an update on the Army Corp of Engineers Towers. The tower outside Tuscaloosa has been added to the GSA list. The plan, as a law enforcement entity within the state, is to petition the Department of Justice to allow us to take possession of the property prior to it going up for sale. This is the plan for the remaining 3 towers. This will be a lengthy process, approximately 2 years. A separate request must be submitted to the DOJ for each tower.
- Mr. Curtis Nail, ALEA, provided an update on the status of the Divisional Advisory Committees (DAC). He provided a chart showing which associations have responded and selected members for each DAC. Outreach to the DACs should begin sometime in January 2015. An introductory email will be sent out to the DACs setting a time and date for an in person meeting. Each meeting will be held in the DACs geographic area. Mr. Nail also provided an update on the FirstNet Initial Consultation. A date for the consultation has not been set. The State has submitted the requested paperwork by the response deadline required by FirstNet. We anticipate that the meeting will take place in the 1st quarter Of 2015 and we recommended that this initial meeting be between FirstNet and the AFRWC.
- Mr. Murph Provided an update on the Legislative strategy. We have worked closely with Representative Phil Williams. We briefed his committee on what we anticipate a statewide radio network would look like, anticipated costs and governance issues. The AFRWC represents a unified state agencies effort to build a statewide radio network verses an individual state agency attempting to accomplish this. The AFRWC is the unified governance structure that will enable us to utilize assets from multiple state agencies reducing costs, therefor saving taxpayer dollars. Our objective is to pass a bill during the 2015 legislative session that would create and permanently fund a statewide interoperable communications system governed by the AFRWC. Outreach and Education to the associations are critical to garner their support in supporting this bill. We are prepared to begin this effort of outreach & education.
- Ms. Cathy Dawson provided an update on efforts to develop an AFRWC website and social media presence. The website is now accessible to members of the AFRWC. She demonstrated the layout and functionality of the website. Social media will include



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forums, Twitter©, Facebook©, LinkedIn© and YouTube©. Ms. Dawson also discussed the location of the photo session for commission members scheduled for today.

WEBSITE ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Wood called for a motion to accept the Website design. Mr. J.T. Johnston, AAEM, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Murph introduced the newly designed AFRWC seal and logo to members for review.
- Mr. Murph discussed the brochure "Protecting Alabama Lives and Property, The Need for a Statewide Mission Critical Interoperable Communications System". A draft copy was distributed to the members. Once completed this will be distributed to legislators, associations and the public as part of our outreach and education efforts.
- Mr. Murph briefed that he and Mr. Nail will be attending Florida's FirstNet initial consultation. This will help prepare us for what to expect when we have the Alabama initial consultation.
- Mr. Murph discussed the proposed schedule of events for the 2015 Alabama Broadband Interoperability Summit planned to begin March 31st, 2015. He also discussed the anticipated guest speakers planned for the event.

AFRWC SEAL ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Murph called for a motion to accept the AFRWC Seal design. Mr. Wood made a motion to accept. Mr. Grabryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AFRWC LOGO ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Murph called for a motion to accept the AFRWC Logo design. Mr. Jim Peterson, AACOP, made a motion to accept. Mr. Ernie Blair, ALNENA, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PROPOSED DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

- April 1st, 2015



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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.