



**Alabama First Responder Wireless  
Commission Meeting  
April 1st, 2015  
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  
Pilgreen, Scott – AL Fire Marshall's Office  
Lord, Jon – AAFC  
Lewis, Chris – DCNR  
Smith, Brad – AFC  
Lee, Michael – P25 WG Chairman  
Ranson, Richard – University of Alabama  
Faulkner, Art – AEMA  
Norris, Greg – Monroe Co.  
Bishop, Jason – Baldwin Co. Comms.  
Hart, Johnny – Marshall Co. 911  
Moffett, Joey – AAVFD  
Strickland, Bill – ACCA  
Hargrove, Jeb – AEMA  
McKinley, Chuck – Baldwin Co. 9-1-1  
Entrekin, Todd – ECSO  
Mullins, Ben – AGI  
Newman, Terry – Lake Martin Search & Rescue  
Cosby, Drayton – Cosby Co.  
Durrence, Susan – Motorola  
Pilgreen, Michelle – SouthernLINC  
Smith, Michael – SouthernLINC  
Butts, David – Sharp Communications  
Terry, Shawn – Sharp Communications  
Sadler, Don – Sharp Communications



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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Chuck Murph, ALEA, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and provided introductory remarks welcoming everyone to the meeting. Mr. Curtis Nail, ALEA, recognized that there is a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

## **AGENDA ACCEPTANCE:**

Mr. Murph 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.

## **DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:**

Mr. Murph requested the attendees to review the minutes from the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting to determine if any corrections are necessary. Mr. Murph 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.

## **APRIL 1ST MINUTES:**

Mr. Murph called for the workgroup reports.

## **WORKGROUP REPORTS:**

- P-25 System Administrators Workgroup. Mr. Michael Lee, P-25 WG Chairman, reported the completed brochure "Protecting Alabama Lives and Property, The Need for a Statewide Mission Critical Interoperable Communications System" is ready for distribution. Copies are available at this meeting.
- State Agency Workgroup. Mr. Jeb Hargrove, State Agency WG Chairman, presented to the AFRWC, for approval, the completed statewide agency talk groups for 700 MHz systems document. Mr. Murph called for a motion to accept the document as written. Mr. Grabryan, AAND, made a motion to accept. Mr. Lord, AAFC, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



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- Mr. Ernie Blair: In summary, he stated that while he will go to great extremes to include the 5 ALMA statewide channels on the Madison County System, it is unlikely that he will be able to convince the users on the Madison County Core to include the entire list that was presented. The reason for the push back in programming multiple channels is primarily due to channel limitations in many of our radios, as well as the expense to go back and reprogram thousands of radios already in the field, and the likelihood of increased user confusion with even more channels added to their lengthy list of program channels. The Madison County P25 Radio Advisory Committee currently requires all units being fielded on the Madison County Core to include the 5 ALMA channels, the Region 6 EMA channel, as well as the NIFOG mutual aid channel. He believes the above comments accurately reflect a consensus of the opinions of existing and future NENA P25 users, the five P25 core owners in the state, and particularly the Madison County core users. It is his personal opinion that a less than well thought out policy was presented to and passed by the commission. If he remembers correctly, the joint committee (State and Local users) assigned to craft a recommendation met once in Montgomery and agreed to follow-up prior to presenting a recommendation to the AFRWC.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Murph provided an update on the Army Corp of Engineers Towers. Currently waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers to begin the process. This will be a lengthy process. We are still pursuing these sites.
- 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. Initial meetings have been scheduled for DAC A, B & C. Remaining DACs have yet to be scheduled. Mr. Nail also provided an update on the FirstNet Initial Consultation with the State of Alabama. The date has been set for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A meeting location is being sought. The SLIGP has been extended to February 2018. FirstNet intends to issue a final RFP by the end of 2015. FirstNet has stated that it will not use state assets at this time due to the contractual complexity. FirstNet is requesting the data collection effort begin immediately, with response due by July 31, 2015.



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- Mr. Murph Provided an update on the Legislative strategy. The new tri-fold for elected officials' handout was presented to the members. He gave all commissioners an open invitation to visit the Legislature following today's meetings to educate the Legislators on the AFRWC's accomplishments and needs moving forward.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Art Faulkner, AEMA, addressed the AFRWC concerning SouthernLINC's capability. SouthernLINC is used by several state agencies for administrative functions and during emergency response efforts. Mr. Faulkner is very concerned that the contract with SouthernLINC is near the end. He stressed that the state needs a push-to-talk capability no matter who the provider is or will be.
- Ms. Cathy Dawson, ALEA, presented the AFRWC with an overview of two large scale events supported by the Alabama Strategic Technology Reserve equipment and personnel. This overview included Governor Bentley's 2015 Inauguration and the Selma 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dream March.

### **PROPOSED DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- June 9th, 2015

### **ADJOURN:**

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