



**Alabama First Responder Wireless
Commission Meeting
July 14th, 2015
Huntsville, AL**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Roberts, Shirrell – ALEA
Murph, Chuck – ALEA SWIC
Nail, Curtis – ALEA
Dawson, Cathy - ALEA
Blair, Ernie – ALNENA
Johnston, J.T. – AAEM
Grabryan, George – AAND
Peterson, Jim – AACOP
Wood, Chauncey – AARS
McGhee, Chris – Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Lord, Jon – AAFC
Smith, Brad – AFC
Fields, Willie – ADOC
Ranson, Richard – University of Alabama
Linsley, Eric – Mobile County
Hargrove, Jeb – AEMA
McKinley, Chuck – Baldwin Co. 9-1-1 (DAC-A VC)
Goff, John – AL Forestry Commission
Grigsby, Steven – AL ARNG
Patterson, James – ALEA Communications
Lewis, Chris – DCNR
Fisher, Larry – Montgomery ECD
Willis, Bo – AL Marine Resource
Campbell, Alan – Shelby Co. 9-1-1
Slaughter, Jerry – HEMSI
Hester, Wendy – ADECA
Lee, Michael – P25 WG Chairman



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CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Chuck Murph, ALEA SWIC, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Mr. Murph 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.

JUNE 9th MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

Mr. Murph requested the attendees to review the minutes from the June 9th, 2015 meeting to determine if any corrections are necessary. Mr. Murph called for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. J.T. Johnston, AAEM, made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Jim Peterson, AACOP, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

JULY 14th MINUTES:

Mr. Murph called for the workgroup reports.

WORKGROUP REPORTS:

- P-25 System Administrators Workgroup. Mr. Michael Lee, P25 WG Chairman, Nothing new to report.
- State Agency Workgroup. Mr. Jeb Hargrove, State Agency WG Chairman, Nothing new to report. State Agency WG will hold a meeting on August 13th.
- Policy & Procedures Workgroup. Policy 06-2015, First Responder definition, presented for adoption. Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Grabryan to amend the policy as written to include "tribal" after local. Motion to adopt as amended is scheduled for our next AFRWC meeting.



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OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Curtis Nail, ALEA, provided an update on the status of the Divisional Advisory Committees (DAC). DAC initial meetings completed at 57%. Working to schedule locations and dates for DACs D, E & F.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Murph led the AFRWC in a review of 43 questions developed by the AFRWC for FirstNet. The goal of this review was to reduce/consolidate and/or modify the 43 questions in preparation for the Alabama initial consultation meeting scheduled with FirstNet the next day, July 15th. The Commissioners separated into small workgroups to choose/modify/consolidate the questions most important to them out of the 43. The small workgroups reported their question selections with the results being compiled and further consolidated by the entire group. The 43 questions were reduced down to 10 questions to meet the timeframe allotted for the FirstNet meeting. Commissioners then selected a question they felt comfortable with asking FirstNet during the initial consultation meeting. The 10 questions were printed and provided to the commissioners. The following are the 10 questions.
 1. Alabama has existing contracts with wireless providers that provide unlimited data for \$39.95. What is FirstNet doing to ensure that the devices and services provided are competitively/comparatively priced while providing mission critical service? Volunteer: Mr. J.T. Johnston
 2. Is the state at a disadvantage when presenting its alternate RAN plan given that FirstNet is the deciding authority on each step in the process and also the default solution should any step in the process be deemed inadequate by FirstNet? Didn't Mississippi already have a system and they were denied the use of FirstNet spectrum? Since FirstNet is essentially a wireless services provider, should we not consider Mississippi as an example of FirstNet's past performance? Volunteer: Mr. Jon Lord
 3. What would prevent FirstNet from denying us the use of the spectrum if we decide to Opt-out and build our own RAN? Volunteer: Mr. Eric Linsley
 4. What is FirstNet's vision on how "priority and preemption" will work at the federal, state, tribal & local levels, and will the local COM-L or someone at the state EOC have access to the network to establish priorities & preemption during a disaster/event? Volunteer: Mr. Chris Lewis



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5. How will the FirstNet network deal with widespread infrastructure damages/outages? Volunteer: Mr. Jeb Hargrove
6. The entities represented by the membership of the members of the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission (AFRWC) collectively provide first responder services to approximately 53,000 square miles, once the NPSBN is built out, what percent of this area will be covered by traditional terrestrial coverage? Volunteer: Cpt. Patterson
7. To what degree do states have the ability to broker novel partnerships and explore innovative business models without completely opting out of FirstNet's proposal and building its own RAN? Will the state or local jurisdictions be able to procure additional RAN sites to improve coverage in addition to FirstNet's efforts? (A blended solution of Opt-in/Opt-out) Volunteer: Mr. Ernie Blair
8. If we use deployables to provide additional coverage, who will provide this equipment, who will maintain and upgrade? Who will coordinate the access of these deployables to the FirstNet network? Volunteer: Mr. George Grabryan
9. Will the network backhaul established by FirstNet for the in-state RAN have additional capacity that could be used for other in-state public safety connectivity? What would be the estimated cost for this connectivity? Volunteer: Mr. Eric Linsley
10. Devices should be dual band capable enabling the ability to seamlessly switch between FirstNet Band 14 coverage and commercial cellular network coverage. Some applications (Netmotion) require a static IP address for the device. Dual band devices must be able to transition from one carrier to another while maintaining a static IP address. Volunteer: Mr. Jim Peterson

PROPOSED DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

- TBD

ADJOURN:

- Mr. Murph called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Grabryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.