

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting No. 37 – Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

11:16 AM - Call to Order

Co-Chair Neal brought the meeting to order and conducted roll call for Task Force members. She reminded the attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

The following were in attendance:

Task Force Members Present

Barbara Neal, Vermont E911 Director, Co-Chair

James ‘Jim’ Mack, Shelburne Dispatch

Ron Kumetz, VSFA

Mike Doenges, Rutland City Mayor

Others Present

Cally Audet, Task Force Clerk

Dominick Arcuri, Televate

Rick Burke, Televate

Bonnie Maney, Mission Critical Partners

Jason Malloy, Mission Critical Partners

Philip Sisk, Mission Critical Partners

Corey Chase, Radio Technology Services

Kim Cheney

Anthony Gregoire, CISA

Irene Wrenner, Senator

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Approval of Agenda

No changes.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion: At 11:21 AM, Mike Doenges moved that the Task Force approve the minutes as written; 2nd by Ron Kumetz. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to public comment. No public comments.

CDS \$9M Update

Director Corey Chase of the Department of Public Safety, Radio Technology Services provided a brief update on the Congressionally Directed Spending funds.

The Department of Public Safety, Radio Technology Services obtained a subject matter expert to assist in planning and review efforts. A project manager was obtained to assist in project implementation, and a few RFPs for various portions of the project have been released to date with more to follow in the near future.

Links to current requests for proposals can be found on the Radio Technology Services website, as well as the Task Force's website.

Plan to do statewide simulcast project that will include ten (10) separate simulcast UHF zones for Vermont State Police. That project will touch 50 different tower sites.

Director Chase shared that roughly \$2M of the \$9M have been assigned to projects to date.

Co-Chair Neal inquired if there were any timelines for upcoming RFPs, or if these would depend on the environmental assessments.

Mike Doenges inquired if the current RFPs will allow for system integration with the Task Force's potential future system proposals.

Director Chase shared that the intent was to create a slate of projects that both harden and improve the state networks, while also hoping to create projects that would improve interoperability with future plans. He directed Mr. Doenges to the assessment(s) of the projects completed by the subject matter experts and project management team.

Rick Burke thanked Mr. Chase for his continued efforts and expertise.

Community Listening Session and Subject Specific Workshop Updates

Co-Chair Neal shared that the 3rd Community Listening Session will be at 11:30 a.m. on November 21st, 2024. This session will be geared toward non-English speaking communities; however, everyone is welcome to attend.

Efforts continue in planning the logistics of the upcoming subject specific workshops. Co-Chair Morrison and a small group of task force members have been working on the logistics of a workshop session regarding lessons learned. Dates and times for these workshops have not yet been determined.

Co-Chair Neal has asked Task Force members to reach out to the Chairs with any subject matter experts for any of the workshop topics and/or if there was a particular topic they would like to take ownership in organizing.

Project Updates:

Dom Arcuri from the Televate project management team provided the following project updates:

- Primary focus is the analysis of all data collected through data questionnaires, dispatch center visits, regional town hall sessions and community listening sessions.
- Mission Critical Partners has completed the wireless analysis of the state-owned assets and are working on developing similar propagation characteristics for some of the regional assets as well.

The meeting was paused due to technical difficulties. The meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

- The project management team is currently reworking the schedule. The inventory report was original due October 25, 2024, but has since been moved to allow for additional review and compilation of data.
- Teams are working in parallel to develop final reports. Due to the delay in the inventory report, there may be a delay in the release of the final reports. Dom hopes to have an update at the next meeting.
- Community Listing Sessions were well attended, and beneficial information was received.
- Planning continues for the subject specific workshops.
- Project management team continues to gather data from key stakeholders statewide.

Jason Malloy from the Mission Critical Partner team provided the following updates:

- Reiterated points addressed by Televate.
- Thanked the Task Force for their efforts in placing phone calls last week.
- The cybersecurity data collection has officially been closed after reviewing only half of the expected reports. Analysis is underway on this data.

New Business

Co-Chair Neal shared that Jim Mack and Dom Arcuri are scheduled to attend a meeting with dispatchers across the state regarding minimum dispatch training requirements. This meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13th, at 11:15 AM.

Motion: There being no further business, Jim Mack made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Mike Doenges. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cally Audet
Cally Audet, Clerk

10/30/24
Date