

# Transcript

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**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 0:06

Alrighty OK, I am calling this meeting of the public Safety Communications task force to order.

It is 11:15 on November 20th, 2024, and I'm Barbara Neal. As a reminder, the meetings being recorded recorded and that recording will be up on the Task force web page following the meeting.

So let's start with our usual roll call of Task force members. If you could verbally acknowledge your presence when I call your name Jen Morrison.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 0:38

I'm here.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 0:40

Ron koumits.

**RK** **Ron Kumetz** 0:42

I am here.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 0:43

Morning, Jim Mack.

**JM** **James Mack** 0:46

I'm here.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 0:47

Excellent, OK. And that is it so far for task force members also joining us today is Emily Mullaney as our administrative support.

Thank you, Emily.

And our project management partners, Rick Burke and Dom R Curry from Telivate.

**RB Rick Burke** 1:06  
Morning everyone.

**DA Dominick Arcuri** 1:07  
Morning everyone.

**NB Neal, Barbara** 1:09  
And from mission critical, I see Jason Malloy.  
And am missing Scott Neil. Morning.  
Morning and Mike Dungus has joined us. Good morning, Mike.

**DM Doenges, Mike** 1:25  
Good morning.

**NB Neal, Barbara** 1:26  
All right. I do not see Emily.  
Correct me if I'm wrong, I do not see any members of the public on the call.

**ME Mullaney, Emily** 1:37  
If you speak correct.

**NB Neal, Barbara** 1:39  
OK.  
All right. Then we will move on to approval of the agenda.  
So the agenda was distributed to Task Force members by e-mail.  
It's also available on the website do Task Force members have any changes to the agenda?  
Hearing nothing, then we'll consider the agenda approved and move on to approval of the Minutes. This would be from the October 30th regular meeting #37.  
Are there any changes needed to these minutes?

**DM Doenges, Mike** 2:15  
Make a motion to approve the Minutes as presented.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 2:18  
You mic seconded. Thank you. Any discussion?

**JM** **James Mack** 2:19  
Thank you then.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 2:27  
All in favor of approving the minutes from October 30th.  
Raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

**RK** **Ron Kumetz** 2:35  
I.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 2:35  
Thank you, Ron. For minutes are approved from October 30th. We have now have a public comment period and I see Senator Renner has joined us Senator.  
We already went through the public introductions or the introductions, if you'd like to introduce yourself and offer any public comment. This is a good time for that.

**IW** **Irene Wrenner** 3:00  
Thank you and good morning.  
Irene Renner I serve on the Joint Information Technology Committee Oversight Committee and have been interested all along in what you folks are up to.  
But no particular comments today. Thank you.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 3:13  
OK.  
Thanks for joining us.  
Alrighty, let's move on then to project updates from and then mission critical.  
So Dom go ahead.

**DA** **Dominick Arcuri** 3:24  
OK.  
Thank you and good morning, everyone.

Things have been very busy with the task force and project team over the last few weeks.

We are proceeding to plan for the workshops.

We've identified the workshops that we intend on holding, have identified candidate attendees for each of those.

Specific focused work shops.

We have one planned for later this week.

The lesson is learned.

A workshop will be taking place on Friday.

And we expect to schedule the remainder of the workshops during the weeks of December 9th and December 16th.

We also have the last Community listening session.

Which actually was rescheduled to December 6th, and that'll be the one that'll focus on.

Those attendees that may need.

Languages other than English or additional language support.

We also have the MCP team primarily is working diligently on putting together the inventory and assessment report. That is one of the key deliverables of the project.

And that is ongoing.

We have rescheduled that.

Delivery of that document. It is scheduled for delivery via draft on the 29th of this month, so week from Friday.

We expect to receive the draft.

Mcp is already shared an outline and some of the preliminary content.

With some of the project team, so we've had a chance to review that and comment on it. We expect it to be a quite substantial document with a lot of information.

And and we'll have a quick turn around to review that.

You may know that the 29th will be day after Thanksgiving, so.

On Black Friday, we're receiving the the draft and we're committed to reviewing that and turning around comments within a week. And then MCP will update that and publish the final document in the middle of December.

Based on that, we are also adjusting schedule for the system.

Planning report, which is a primary report for the project.

We are planning to get.

Two draft.

Sessions in involved are incorporated, I should say so that we can have a mature draft to.

Distribute for public comment.

Comment from the legislatures. So we expect to have a first draft in January and then a second draft turned around by the end of January so that we will have the majority of the February time frame for extended review again by the public legislature, other first responders ET.

So some.

Major updates to to the schedule but added in additional comment and review period.

There so we'll.

Wanna make sure we have sufficient input from.

All interested stakeholders during that period.

I believe that's the majority of the work that's going on.

The cybersecurity assessments are also ongoing.

I do want to point that out, and maybe MCP has a little bit more detail to provide, but that's what I have.

Happy to answer any questions from Task Force members.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 7:32

Thank you, Dom.

I will just add now that when that draft comes in on the 29th of November, we will get that out to task force Members will who should be prepared to have a discussion about it on the December 4th.

Sorry, task force meeting.

So just for your planning purposes, that's when you'll start to see things come in.

And any other questions?

Any questions for Dom?

OK.

Jen, do you have anything to add here?

**JM** **Jason Malloy** 8:11

Just to.

Yeah, just to add.

On the cyber assessments the total the final total that came in there were 17

agencies that did submit the information for that and there was one agency. That opted not to participate because they were concerned with the possibility that security information may get released as a result.

So it's just that.

Little bit under half of the agencies participated in that.

**MJ Morrison, Jennifer** 8:53

Yeah, that I think that this issue is going to become.

**NB Neal, Barbara** 8:54

Jason.

**MJ Morrison, Jennifer** 9:00

Really front and Center for the task force in the coming months. It's going to obviously this inventory report is very different from the planning document. The report, you know, articulating options for a path forward and and what MCP has found. That's a different document. The the inventory report.

Contains a lot of information that agencies are not going to want.

Shared publicly.

For very good reasons, it's going to be.

A challenge to balance what we can and can't release from the inventory report.

Obviously the the real meat and potatoes, which is the path forward.

And recommendations document.

Is going to be less sensitive, one would imagine.

There may be some redactions required, but I just want to set the table of expectations that task force members are going to receive.

An inventory report that for the short term is going to be a a draft and B not not to be forwarded and not to be shared publicly.

And until we determine and our legal teams determine which portions of that very technical document can be released publicly, so just want to keep that real clear that this is not a a, a document that the task force is authorized to share. And we do have a quick.

Turn around time for the inventory report.

We'll we'll we'll get to the issue of the the big what's called the big report for now later but I do anticipate there will be.

People who want to have unfettered access to these documents, and we're going to have to apply the correct legal analysis and.  
Protect agency and state information as appropriate.  
To to defend against would be saboteurs and others. So.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 10:57

Correct. All right. Any other?

**RB** **Rick Burke** 10:58

So May, may I ask you a question.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 11:00

Sure, but go ahead.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 11:01

So with that said, with a you know a a delivery date of next week.  
For the report.  
How how best to document that report and to share it?  
Because once it's shared it it's.  
You know it's it could be, you know, open records request.  
So we're going to need some guidance on how to document it now.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 11:25

We will wait, right?  
We will get open records.  
We will get public records requests for it and our team is already examining.  
You know absent seeing the content of it they can't make final answers but.  
They're they're taking a look at whether or not.  
There's a lot of potential path forward Rick is the short answer.  
One could be that the entire document is withheld and determined to be confidential and and subject to the exemptions in the Vermont public records act.  
There are other but there's obvious way there's obvious groups that we need to share it with eventually right.  
So are we going to need to create?  
A.

Properly impaneled group that has permission to see the document.

Use the document but not share it so that they can make decisions around the final report and the path forward, and what investments need to be made where. So it's going to be a tricky balance that we're, we've got folks, you know, working on it anticipating but for.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 12:16

Mm hmm.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 12:29

The short term.

For this body, the report is confidential.

It is in draft form, so it is not a final form and it you're not. It is the property of mission critical partners with.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 12:36

OK.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 12:43

Input from our our stakeholders across the state that we have implored to cooperate with us so that we can fulfill the mission that the legislature gave us.

We cannot be sloppy and turn around and let that information that may be sensitive become public.

If it's potentially injurious to those agencies or to the state, so my word of caution for the inventory report, and I'm only talking about this very technical document, is that everybody understands it's a draft.

It is confidential at this point until our legal teams tell us something else and we will have to figure out what the future once that's a final report.

How do we allow the right people access to it?

In a way that is productive and gets us towards the end goal without it becoming something that we find on the Internet and could be harmful so.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 13:41

So this first draft should be marked every page at the footer confidential.

State of Vermont or State of Vermont.



Confidential information draft.

I mean we want to be sure that that we document it carefully so that we give mcp guidance on how to deliver it and and what they should put and I I'd suggest with what you just said Jen that you know draft confident state of Vermont confidential inform.

Or whatever or however best to do it. But.

I'd say that first dress should be marked accordingly.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 14:15

Yes.

**JM** **Jason Malloy** 14:15

Yeah. So Rick, currently to address that.

Currently, the document has a draft watermark on it.

If the state would so like us to also add, you know, confidential or some other language that's taken from the Vermont public records.

Information if they would like us to put that in the footer we can certainly do that.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 14:42

Barb and I'll get back to you on that Jason.

Thank you.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 14:44

And just just one more question if I could.

**SN** **Scott Neal** 14:45

Just just.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 14:45

Yep Yep.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 14:47

That document is going to be I don't know.

I'll just exaggerate.

200 megabits you know I mean I I don't know how big it's going to be but it's going

to be sizeable and it's probably not going to be.

Probably not going to be able to receive it via e-mail for everyone so you know the logistics of how to post it where to put it.

I mean I think just be thinking about that from MC PS part so that we can see we already looked at it's hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of pages and.

It didn't include Scott's maps yet, so those are going to be many, many megabytes megabits of data.

So just logistics of delivering it needs to be thought through.

SN

**Scott Neal** 15:29

Yeah. So if I could just jump in on it real quick, Rick.

So I'm actually looking at where we're at right now.

It's at 679 pages and it's it's not yet completed.

So to your point it's going to be huge now not to be so intimidating.

There's a lot of appendices with very lengthy tables and there's lot of charts and graphs and maps and things in there.

So it's it's not a, it's not going to be an 800 page document of text, but we have an FTP server.

We can provide a download link to whoever wants needs that document, and you can download it on your computer.

Obviously we can't e-mail and just one thing. Jen and Barb, just for consideration as you're doing your legal review. And just to note here. So there's going to be a lot of information about critical infrastructure in there specific to your radio sites as you're talking to your attor.

The the information that's there is is technically publicly available through the FCC if somebody is sophisticated enough to be able to go in and do that.

But I would argue against disclosing that even though it is technically publicly available because.

We're gonna be giving all that information, coordinates, everything in this report. So I would argue, don't make it easy for somebody. You know, I that stuff to my opinion needs to be redacted, withheld. And if somebody wants to go to the trouble or go through the FCC and.

Get you know, figure out how to do it on their own.

But that's just my food for thought there. When you're talking to your attorneys about it.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 16:56

We absolutely understand those concerns and deal with it pretty much daily at the 901 board.

So I'll have the same line of thinking in those conversations.

So. So it sounds like we're going to have a link to the document.

So when when it's available, we will, we're going to have to make sure we know how to distribute that link.

Because there won't be anyone around for support right on the day after Thanksgiving.

**SN** **Scott Neal** 17:22

So so we can make the link accessible to anybody and send it in an e-mail. You can just forward that e-mail to whomever you need to, and that link should provide download.

You know the downside of that is without specifying, you know, an e-mail address is that you have to be very careful with that that link and make sure it only stays in certain hands.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 17:42

Yeah, I I think we'll right.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 17:42

Yeah, I would not.

I would not do that.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 17:45

We'll do it differently.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 17:45

Right.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 17:46  
Let let's talk Jen and we'll yeah.

**DA** **Dominick Arcuri** 17:47  
Yeah.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 17:47  
Let's talk offline about how to do it.

**SN** **Scott Neal** 17:48  
OK.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 17:49  
But if if the document remains on your server and does not.  
Get downloaded into.  
Say my files then.  
Then there is nothing subject to a public records request 'cause I don't.  
I am not the keeper of the document.  
I'm so I.

**SN** **Scott Neal** 18:10  
OK.  
Then we can we can discuss options on how to accomplish.  
Yeah, because because generally these are download links where you would  
physically download the document.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 18:17  
Right right.

**SN** **Scott Neal** 18:17  
We can talk about other options for how to do that absolutely.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 18:20  
Well and you know whatever it it doesn't matter if it's on my computer or not other

than it's a massive document.

At the end of the day, we have to figure out this issue of how much of, if any, of that inventory report will become public and you know it is a constant balancing act and we always strive to be as transparent as possible.

It's going to be a very very heavy lift for our team to redact a document of this size with this much technical information.

In it. So even if we are able to make portions of it public and redact other portions, it's going to take far more than the usual three days with a 10 day extension for my team to handle this.

So I'm just making sure that expectations are clear, that we will be as transparent as we can be. And then in the long run, there's the bigger question of how do we find a safe?

Secure way to to share the technical parts that would be redacted for the public.

With the right people, and we're gonna obviously have to get some guidance from the legislature as to how to do that.

Because what's the next step after we deliver the the goods that we've been assigned to to deliver.

So questions that will tackle as they come, but I just wanna make sure that everybody's aware that this is gonna be a bit of a booger. The whole public records part of this inventory report.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 19:49

For the discussion.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 19:49

OK.

Anything more on this.

Or any of the project updates.

OK.

OK.

Moving on then I think that we have covered this already with don's update the next agenda item though is the community listening session and subject specific workshops update.

Dom did discuss that we are in the planning process for the workshops.

There is one scheduled with.

Certain invited Members this Friday for the lessons learned.

And a few more workshops are in the in the works for the December time frame, and Don also reviewed the next community listening session, which is December sixth at eleven thirty. The only thing I have to add there is that outreach and and coordination of that.

Listening session is really in the hands of the DPS communications team.

So is there anything else on community listening sessions or the workshops that people want to discuss or have questions about?

**MJ Morrison, Jennifer** 21:02

I just want to point out that there's there are these workshops that we are doing which are specifically intended to be small group, candid discussion.

These are not public meetings.

And that there is also in addition to the by topic, so, so the the workshops have been set up by topic, right?

Lessons learned from prior efforts at consolidation, governance, funding operations.

There's there's about six or seven workshops that are happening.

We are also extending an invitation for a a workshop that is specific to people who have shown great interest in our work.

That would include Senator Renner, Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Chaney so that they will have an opportunity to weigh in on all of those topics in one meeting, as opposed to having to attend six or seven different meetings and perhaps.

Taking up bandwidth that that, that different invited guests who don't come to these meetings.

Need to talk to us about? So there will be one that is more of a a global because these are folks who have a much deeper understanding of the topic and have followed it for a long time.

But that's the landscape of the workshop schedule.

I think that's that's it. With the third listening session for right now.

**NB Neal, Barbara** 22:26

But.

**RB Rick Burke** 22:29

May I chime in please.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 22:30

Sure.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 22:30

So so for Senator Renner and and and and for Kim, Jenny and and Steve Whitaker.  
The meeting.

Tentative meeting date is for the December 6th and I'm going to send out a poll, you know, to determine which time frames on that date are going to work best, but that's basically just giving the senator heads up that that an imitation.

Requesting a time availability would be sent out to the three of those individuals.

Thank you.

**IW** **Irene Wrenner** 23:04

Thank you.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 23:06

Thanks Rick.

OK. Anything else on workshops or listening sessions?

OK.

Moving on then, is there any new business for today?

Hearing nothing.

We have our next meeting.

Regular meeting is scheduled for December 4th.

As I mentioned, you'll want to be prepared to discuss the draft report that we're going to see. If there's nothing further.

We can take a motion to adjourn.

**DA** **Dominick Arcuri** 23:44

Just one question, Barb on the.

The status reports we we have been developing and distributing status reports every two weeks coincident with the the task force meeting generally on the Monday before. So since we skipped a week now, I I guess we'll adjust the status reports as well to be.

Synchronized again with the task force meetings. Does that make sense?

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 24:14

It does if, if that's not too heavy a lift.

**DA** **Dominick Arcuri** 24:19

No. So what?

That'll mean in the immediate time frame is that.

Where we would have had a status report done next Monday, we're gonna.

Skip a week and make it done.

Following Monday, it'll be just before the, so it'll be on December 2nd before the Task force meeting on the 4th.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 24:41

Makes sense to me and I see some nods from Task Force members.

So I think we're good.

Excellent. Thank you, Dom.

**DA** **Dominick Arcuri** 24:47

Thank you.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 24:48

OK.

Shall we adjourn?

**RK** **Ron Kumetz** 24:54

I'll make a motion to adjourn.

**JM** **James Mack** 24:54

Make a motion to adjourn second.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 24:57

Thank you. I I I'll let Emily sort that out. But we have a motion and a second.

**DM** **Doenges, Mike** 24:57

OK.



**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 25:02

OK, great. All in favor of adjourning for today, raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

**RK** **Ron Kumetz** 25:09

Hi.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 25:10

Aye. Hands and I hear Ron and Mike. And we are adjourned.

Thank you very much. And oh, by the way, happy Thanksgiving next week.

**RB** **Rick Burke** 25:19

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. It's.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 25:19

Yes.

**DA** **Dominick Arcuri** 25:20

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 25:21

All right.

**RK** **Ron Kumetz** 25:21

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

**JM** **James Mack** 25:22

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

**MJ** **Morrison, Jennifer** 25:24

Ham can't wait for the big report. What a treat.

**NB** **Neal, Barbara** 25:24

All right.

**MJ Morrison, Jennifer** 25:26  
Something to be really thankful for.

**NB Neal, Barbara** 25:27  
I know, I know. We will be.

**RB Rick Burke** 25:29  
Who needs to go shopping on Friday?

**DA Dominick Arcuri** 25:31  
Turkey, Turkey sandwiches and inventory report.

**MJ Morrison, Jennifer** 25:31  
Oh no.

**JM James Mack** 25:31  
Just don't eat too much Turkey.  
You'll be able to read it all.

**MJ Morrison, Jennifer** 25:35  
That's right.

**NB Neal, Barbara** 25:35  
That's right.  
Thanks everybody. Bye bye.

**MJ Morrison, Jennifer** 25:37  
Alright guys. Bye.

**RB Rick Burke** 25:38  
Thank you.

**RB Rick Burke** 25:38  
Have a great day. Bye.

- **Mullaney, Emily** stopped transcription