

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHz Joint Operating Committee

Tracy Moore, Chair
Ryan Sommers, Vice-chair
Bryan Boren, Secretary

*****Meeting Minutes*****

**Thursday, April 17, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

**Washoe County Administration Complex
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, 89512
Building A, Second Floor, Caucus Room**

This meeting was held at a physical location with a teleconference option.

Committee website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/technology/board_committees/800mhz_joc

Committee Members

Dave Cochran, City of Reno	Vacant, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (Alternate)
Craig Franden, City of Reno (Alternate)	Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows FPD
Derek Keller, City of Sparks	Vacant, Truckee Meadows FPD (Alternate)
Connie Shepperd, City of Sparks (Alternate)	Ian Dasmann, TMWA
Matthew Lund, Nevada Air National Guard	Aaron Reyes, TMWA (Alternate)
Vacant, Nevada Air National Guard (Alternate)	Ed Atwell, UNR/NSHE
Darin Tedford, Nevada Dept. of Transportation	Jeremy Irwin, UNR/NSHE (Alternate)
Seth Daniels, Nevada Dept. of Transportation (Alternate)	David Brown, FBI
Ryan Sommers, North Lake Tahoe FPD	Vacant, US DEA
Russ Barnum, North Lake Tahoe FPD (Alternate)	Bryan Boren, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Don Pelt, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Ray Leal, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (Alternate)
David Paulon, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Alternate)	Jenn Felter, Washoe County
Jarrold Nunes, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Darrin Rice, Washoe County (Alternate)
John Hecimovich, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Alternate)	Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District
Ben Carpenter, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority	Mark Mathers, Washoe County School District (Alternate)



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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM [Non-Action Item]

Ryan Sommers, Vice Chair, assumed the role of Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present

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| • City of Sparks | Connie Shepperd |
| • Nevada Air National Guard | Matthew Lund |
| • Nevada Dept. of Transportation | Seth Daniels |
| • North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District | Ryan Sommers |
| • Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District | Chris Ketring (joined ~10:08 a.m.) |
| • Truckee Meadows Water Authority | Aaron Reyes |
| • UNR | Ed Atwell |
| • US FBI | David Brown |
| • US Dept. of Veterans Affairs | Bryan Boren |
| • Washoe County | Jenn Felter |

Absent

- City of Reno
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- US DEA (vacant)
- Washoe County School District

Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office, was in attendance.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TEAMS/TELEPHONE [Non-Action Item]. *Wade Carner, Deputy District Attorney*

Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Wade Carner provided the instructions for providing public comment: This meeting is being held at and physical location with a teleconference option. Members of the public may submit public comment by either attending the meeting in person, attending the meeting via teleconference or attending by telephone only utilizing Meeting ID: 214 390 679 412, Passcode: zr74Yq9t or by telephone by dialing 775-325-0620 and entering Conference ID: 839 418 817#. To provide public comment via Teams, log into the Teams Meeting at the link on the first page of the notice of meeting and utilize the "Raise

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Hand” feature during any public comment period. To provide public comment via telephone only, press *5. Press *6 to mute/unmute.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** [Non-Action Item] – Comment heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the 800 MHz Joint Operating Committee as a whole.

There was no response to the call for public comment; no emails had been submitted prior to the meeting.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 23, 2025, MINUTES** [For Possible Action] – Committee members may identify any additions or corrections to the draft minutes as transcribed.

Ed Atwell, UNR, moved to approve the minutes as written. Chris Ketring, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, provided the second. There was no response to the call for Committee or public comment. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. **SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE** [Non-Action Item] – An informational update and discussion on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System, including an update on recent maintenance, system disruptions, system usage, and system repairs. *Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services*

Melissa Lawney, Washoe County Technology Services, reviewed the [presentation](#) for this item. All the Sabre towers have been delivered. She reviewed the LID availability noting the Nevada Air National Guard had donated eight back and those have been assigned to the Reno-Tahoe Airport. There is still a need to confirm the interference issues have been resolved for Truckee Meadows Fire. Once the weather permits, maintenance will begin on sites.

SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE



- Remaining LIDS: 41
 - Pending requests to be issued
 - Storey county (60)*
 - Issued
 - WCSO SAR- 5 (2/14)
 - City of Reno (20)
 - City of Sparks Fire (6)
 - WCSD- 4 (2/19)
 - TMFPD (20) 12/19
 - Airport-8
 - Donations
 - National Guard (8) 1/24
 - NDOT-100
- For LID requests, please email WCRCS@washoecounty.gov, and my team will review your submission. Be sure to include an explanation of the critical need in your request. Thank you!

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SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE

- **Radio Service Interruptions**
 - GPS timing failures at Red Peak, caused some radio issues in February.
 - BDA Interference is ramping up and team working on find source of issues. Team is actively working to clean noise floor as we wait to gain access to sites for maintenance.
- **VHF Radio Interference Troubleshooting**
 - Need to schedule time with TMFPD regarding a follow up on Microphone replacement.
- **Dispatch Interoperability Committee**
 - Carson City, Storey County, Lyon County, Douglas County in conjunction Washoe County are creating policy and procedures for law enforcement region use of the following channels:
 - PSLE 1
 - PSLE 2
 - Public Safety Law Enforcement Channels*

6. 800 MHz JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS [Non-Action Item] – The next meeting of the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) is scheduled for July 24, 2025.

- Issues of cutover to P25 timing micro-regions and addendum (will be discussed in the P25 JOC meeting)
- Checklist to include EDACS offline timing to properly prepare equipment as part of the System Update
- Representative from L3Harris at the meetings to assist with questions and to address order issues

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There was no response to the call for public comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Approved as written in session October 16, 2025.