

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL 800 MHZ COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tracy Moore, Chair
Rob Larson, Vice-chair
Tom Moore, Secretary

Thursday ~ March 17, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
5195 SPECTRUM BOULEVARD, RENO, NEVADA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (Non-action item)

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Ed Atwell – University of Nevada, Reno; Steve Baker – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Richard Burger – Nevada Department of Transportation; Pat Dyer – City of Sparks; Clay Griffin – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; James Hawthorne – University of Nevada, Reno; Rob Larson – City of Reno; Anthony Masten – Nevada Air National Guard; Duane Meyer – Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Tracy Moore – Washoe County School District; Keith Mullen – City of Sparks; David Paulon – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Mike Shaffer – Washoe County School District; and Paul Wiley – City of Reno.

ABSENT: Lance Avansino – Reno Sparks Indian Colony; Bryan Boren – Veterans Administration; Mike Brown – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Jeff Byrne – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Bonnie Conder – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; David Curtis – Nevada Air National Guard; Geoff Daforo – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Ray Guzman – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Dan Johnston – Truckee Meadows Community College; Jon Kelley – Washoe County School District; Patrick Kendrick – Drug Enforcement Administration; Chris Ketring – Sierra Fire Protection District; Tim Leighton – Sierra Fire Protection District; Remy Mauro – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Charles Moore – Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District; Thomas Moore – Nevada Department of Transportation; Pat Nielson – Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Tom Nelson – Reno Tahoe Airport Authority; Todd Renwick – University of Nevada, Reno; Jason Reynolds – Truckee Meadows Community College; Ryan Sommers – North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District; Jason Trevino – Washoe County School District; Jim Whalen – Nevada Department of Transportation; and Teresa Wiley – City of Sparks.

Dania Reid – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-action item)

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2015 MINUTES (For possible action)

Hearing no public comment Chair Moore asked for Board discussion or a motion.

It was moved by Ed Atwell, seconded by Keith Mullen, to approve the January 28, 2016, minutes, as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

4. LID (Logical Identification Number) STATUS UPDATE [For possible action] – *An ongoing review, discussion and possible recommendation to recommend that the 800 MHz Joint Operation Committee (JOC) approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to resolve LID issues with WCRCS (Washoe County Regional Communications System) Users.*

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Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, commented that 28 LID's (Logical Identification Number) were still available and expressed his appreciation to member agencies that have released unused LID's. Mr. Tayler welcomed additional ideas that he can take to the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) on how to resolve the issue.

Responding to an inquiry from Ed Atwell about the recent 800 MHz JOC approval of expenditure, Mr. Tayler explained that the 800 MHz JOC had authorized an expansion of the simulcast system that will release some LID's. The project is currently in motion and an update will be provided under the next agenda item.

Chair Moore encouraged member agencies to coordinate with Mr. Tayler in assisting in resolving the dwindling number of LID's and to assure that all LID's assigned to each member agency are in use.

No specific action was taken.

5. SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE (Non-action item) – *An informational update on the operational status of the 800 MHz Communication System.*

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, drew attention to the report (copy on file) that shows that radio traffic is adhering to the seasonal trends. Mr. Tayler explained that the DC power conversion at Red Peak is underway and that authorization is in place to upgrade two additional sites Snowflake Lodge and the Water Tank in the Lake Tahoe Basin. At their most recent meeting the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) authorized a fourth channel for the P25 system that will be used to move non-public safety personnel to the P25 systems. Mr. Tayler noted that the P25 system appears to work better than the existing EDACS (Enhanced Digital Access Communications System) system in some areas and not as well in some others.

6. AREAS OF LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS [For possible action] – *An informational update review, discussion and possible direction to staff on the recently purchased P-25 Phase 2 equipment to cover the Rancho Haven/Red Rock Road and other areas.*

Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, noted that as soon as acceptance testing was completed the vehicular repeater system will be brought in to provide additional communications capability in the Red Rock/Rancho Haven area until a permanent solution, such as a permanent site, can be identified in the future. Mr. Tayler explained that while it had not yet been determined what vehicle would be used for the mobile device, it is likely that it will be a technology services vehicle. However, in the event a member agency can provide a suitable vehicle that will also be considered.

There were no public comments or action taken.

7. COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND RADIO UPDATE [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible direction to staff on the change-over to newer technology radio system and radios as current models are being phased out.*

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Shawn Tayler – Regional Communications Coordinator, reiterated the need for member agencies to contact his office to assure that equipment being purchase will be compatible with bot the existing EDACS (Enhanced Digital Access Communications System) system and the future P-25 system.

Chair Moore strongly encouraged member agencies to not purchase radio equipment without consulting Mr. Tayler or his staff first.

There were no public comments and no action was taken.

- 8. 800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** (Non-action item) – *No discussion among 800 MHz Users Committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2016.*

No new agenda items were identified.

Chair Moore noted the need to continue to review equipment needs as the replacement of the communications systems moves forward. Chair Moore will provide an update on the 800 MHz JOC (Joint Operating Committee) discussions at the next 800 MHz Users Committee meeting on May 19, 2016.

- 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Non-action item)

Curtis Steadman – Motorola, drew attention to the upcoming IWCE (International Wireless Communications Expo) in Las Vegas (Nevada) and noted that a presentation on lessons learned on the installation of a new communications system will be featured on Monday and that he will provide access to free passes to the exhibit hall for distribution to member agencies.

Robert Larson commented that an error had been found on certain XG75 radios that encrypted the device. Mr. Larson emphasized the need to update the firmware on all devices.

Suzy Rogers reminded everyone that the week of April 10 through the 16th is National Telecommunicator week.

Chair Moore noted that dispatch centers are the first responders hidden helpers and reminded those present that mobile and handheld radios need to be updated annually if not used frequently. Chair Moore noted that the region is quickly approaching the summer and wildfire season.

- 10. ADJOURNMENT** (Non-action item)

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

AS APPROVED BY THE 800 MHZ USERS COMMITTEE IN SESSION ON MAY 19, 2016.