

**Joint Meeting of
Northeast Regional Users Committee
&
Northeast Regional Owners & Operators Committee
Fond du Lac Community College
July 6, 2011 10:00 A.M.**

- 1.0 Meeting was called to order by Steve Olson
- 2.0 Sign-in sheet passed
- 3.0 Doug Rotta made a motion to accept the minutes from June 1, 2011 meeting. 2nd by Bruce Hegrenes.
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 - 4.1 Bill Bernhjelm not present due to state shutdown
 - 4.2 Owner & Operator Chair Dewey Johnson – skipped
 - 4.3 User Chair Erik Jankila – skipped
 - 4.4 RRB & RAC Committee reports

Steve reported the training standards passed.

Homeland Security allocations for the state were cut in half. End user equipment was cut from \$750,000 to \$350,000 for Minnesota.

Questions were brought up regarding the STR trailer. Mark said they have the finished Standard for that.

- 5.0 5.1 Training updates –

Steve – had training with Two Harbors Fire in June that went well. Carey Johnson said they had a discussion regarding channels 1 & 16 being dead stops, fire personnel would prefer that as difficult to select particular channels with big gloves on. Extensive discussion followed.

- 5.4
 - b. Standard 5.4 (Hospital Access) – Mark Stansberry.
Bruce relayed Scott had a meeting with St Mary's & St Luke's last week and what they do will effect the region. They tried to have a meeting with Gold Cross that will effect Carlton & St Louis Counties yesterday and Gold Cross wasn't able to attend. The hospitals really aren't that far along. They both have regional dispatch centers so without their inputs at this point, it is tough to move ahead.
Mark is emailing a form to Steve that needs to be completed to figure out what the hospitals want to be named.

Extensive discussion followed on hospital talk groups.
With limited space on portables, will have to abbreviate names.

a. Standard 3.33.2 (Portable Tower for NE region) – Mark Stansberry
Mark reviewed the most recent standard for the portable tower trailer.
For emergency deployment, call the State Duty Officer who will then call
St Louis County who will contact the radio tech. Agency using the trailer
will be responsible for any damage done to it. The cost is \$1.00 per mile.
If St Louis County delivers, it will be the actual costs and reasonable
expenses associated with delivering that tower.
Erik made a motion to accept the standard as read. Leif second. Carried.

c. Standard 5.1 (Non Governmental Access) – Erik Jankila.
There have been meetings/discussions regarding the non-government use
of radios. Will tailor the standard to non-government entities, not
specifically mining companies. Nothing ready to present at this time.

d. Standard 3.16.1 Vehicle Pursuit Standard – Doug Rotta
This is the standard for use of LTACS in a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit
wasn't in the state standards but is a metro standard. Basically it covers
patching the local agency talk group to the first available LTAC during the
pursuit. Basically used the metro standard and changed the NE Region.
Doug made a motion to accept the standard as written. Dan Sathre
seconded. Carried.

5.2 NECOM Talk Group (PSAP to PSAP) – Dylan Bridges presented.
This was based off metro standard with no major changes, to cover mutual
emergency aid between dispatch centers. It follows basic radio
procedures, announcing who you are and who you're calling when you
come on the air. This talk group never hits the air waves, dispatch console
to dispatch console only, and not heard on a portable at all.
Judy made a motion to accept the NECOM Talk Group, Bruce seconded.
Carried.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Bi Directional Amplifiers
Leif – BDAs are somewhat addressed in Standard 1.7.0, Subscriber Radio
Standards. The problem is they can malfunction and cause interference
with the rest of the system. Bruce – BDAs have to be approved by the
SRB and OTC. Central does have a Standard we can review. Metro
Standard depends on whether the system is connected to ARMER or not.
If it is not, it requires approval and review by the sub-system
administrator. NE needs to have their own Standard. Erik will have that
for the August meeting.

6.2 Cook County Standards Review

Judy reviewed Standard 1.6.6 Management of System Infrastructure Security. No recommended changes.

Leif reviewed Standards 1.7.0 Management of the System and 1.8.0 System Change Management. No recommended changes.