

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
State of Louisiana

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Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR



Euclid Talley
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED - MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2024

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at the State Emergency Operations Center, located at 7667 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, and via Teleconference.

I. Call to Order

A. Chairman Euclid Talley called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A. GOHSEP, Jake Chatfield, conducted the SIEC roll call and a quorum was established.

B. The following SIEC members were present or absent as noted:

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Euclid Talley - Assistant Deputy Director (ADD) of Homeland Security & Interoperability Division	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Steven Cockerham –Designee for Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard	Louisiana National Guard
Bill Vincent , Secretary/Treasurer APCO Lafayette Parish Communications District (Ret.)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Jason Lionberger Calcasieu OHSEP	Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director's Committee
David Luker, Proxy West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 2
Eric Deroche, Proxy St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 3
Stacey Blanchard, CPT Assistant Director, St. Martin Sheriff's Office/OHSEP	Region 4
Richard McGuire Executive Director Calcasieu Parish Communications District	Region 5

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Ellis Boothe Parish Director	Region 6
Doyle Dempsey, MAJ Support Bureau / Asset Management Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 7
Robert "Bobby" Moore, Fire Chief, Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Region 8
Michael "Mike" Moore, SGT Canine & Patrol Division Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office	Region 9
Christine Verdin Pointe-au-Chien Council Member	Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Jeb Tate Director, IT & Telecommunications, Jefferson Parish Government	Region 1
Jayson Richardson Sheriff of Desoto Parish	Louisiana Sheriff's Association
Robert Daughdril Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Bryan Zeringue, Chief Thibodaux Police Department	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Chris Eskew, LTC Deputy Superintendent	State of Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police (DPS)
Robert Benoit, Chief Lafayette Fire Department	Louisiana Fire Chief's Association

III. Approval of Minutes

Richard McGuire made a motion to approve the April 24, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Steven Cockerham seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting.

IV. Chairman's Report

- A. Chairman Euclid Talley began by thanking the members for attending the meeting.
- B. Interoperability Program Manager, Jake Chatfield updated the board on the status of the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Project. Also, updated the committee on the LSU stadium project concerning the reattachment of the LWIN antennas to the

new LED light poles. Jake updated the board on the funding for eight additional LWIN towers at various locations. LSP and GOHSEP is prioritizing the towers.

- C. Statewide System Maintenance Report – Ravi Penumarthi with the DPS Radio Communications Section provided detailed information about the LWIN system. This presentation is available on the SIEC Website under the Meeting Minutes link.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

- A. Budget and Finance

Angella Sanders provided detailed information about the FY2025 Budget proposal. The budget carried forward additional \$5.5 million dollars to carry forward for the from the 2024 budget to fund the additional eight LWIN towers. The FY2025 budget has not been approved.

- B. Technical

No updates.

- C. Policy and Planning

No updates.

- D. Training and Outreach

No updates.

II. Unfinished Business

- A. Julio Peck from LSP discussed the status of the Ethernet Project was going along with the updated timeline. Presentation for the project is available on the SIEC Websites under the Meeting Minutes link.
- B. Vernon McFadden from LSP detailed the MOU with Mississippi for CONTRA flow operations between states during a declared emergency.

III. New Business

- A. Captain Gerard of Broussard Fire Department, and Chief Loren Haydale of the Lafayette Fire Department requested an official coverage tests done for the entire parish due to a lack of coverage from the LWIN towers in that area. They detailed the technical issues they have with their emergency services responding to incidents and not having the appropriate radio coverage to safely conduct the mission. LSP has taken note and will send a team up there immediately to conduct a parish wide coverage assessment. Bill Vincent followed up with coverage maps from Motorola to support their claim. Mr. Vincent made a motion for the Technical Subcommittee to discuss the coverage issues for the parish and find a solution. Richard McGuire second the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Committee discussed Quachita school board requesting 71 additional talk groups. The board explained they only qualify for only 31 talkgroups as per the policy. They were advised if the add radios they can have more talkgroups as per the policy.

- C. Tom Fisher of SITECH Louisiana did a demonstration on Rajant technologies capabilities and how it could complement LWIN services throughout the state.

IV. Public Comments

No comments.

V. Next Quarterly Meeting

Chairman Euclid Talley advised the committee that without objection, the next quarterly meeting of the SIEC would be October 23, 2024 at 1:30 PM, in person at the GOHSEP's EOC. There were no objections.

VI. Adjournment

Charles Dowdy made a motion to adjourn. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:46 pm.