

700 MHz Meeting
Ada County Sheriff's Office
7200 Barrister St.
Boise, Id
May 21, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.

A. Order:

Lt. Hamilton called Region 12 Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

B. Minutes

Copies of minutes of last meeting held on June 06/05/06 were available for attendees to review. Lt. Hamilton asked for motion for approval of the minutes. Dodie Collier made motion the minutes be approved as read. Capt. Mike Sanders second the motion.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Old Business:

- Region 12 Plan

Lt. Hamilton provided progress of the original Region 12 Plan, and how the Plan had been submitted without CAPRAD packing the channels. He advised he had submitted an amended plan on 05/15/08, to the FCC, and was waiting for approval.

- Master Site

Nikki Jansen from Ada County Sheriff's Office discussed the status of Cyren Call and the PSST (Public Safety Spectrum Trust) and the re-programming of frequencies to agencies that are currently live and using a 700 MHz system.

Nikki also advised Ada County ECPC (Emergency Communications Planning Commission) has approved the purchase of upgrading the Master Site for 'over the air' programming for Master Site. This feature will add many bonuses for users of the system, as it will ease re-programming process of radios in the future.

Nikki also advised Ada County had been awarded PSIC Grant Funding which would be used to increase the Master Site to two (2) core routers. She explained the core router is the primary entry point to the Master Site. This will provide 48 new ports to access the Master Site. Projected completion date is February, 2009. All necessary paperwork has been filed with FCC for re-imbusement plan.

There was discussion about the State of Idaho's fiber network and the plans for tying EOCs to the State thru this.

- Bannock County Status:

Capt. Mike Sanders discussed how 700 MHz was working in their County. He indicated they were looking at putting in a 3rd repeater site to increase the footprint of radio coverage in their County.

He advised they have found the radio system to be very robust and the County is not utilizing the full potential of it.

- It was noted that Bonneville County has awarded their RFP for their 700 MHz system to Ratheon – Teton Communications.

- Matt Howarth with Motorola advised that they were finalizing plans with Canyon County to add a 5th tower site. This 5th tower site is to assist with 'heavy, in-building' coverage in the Caldwell/Nampa communities;

Sgt. Todd Herrera from Canyon County provided update with Canyon

County's system. He advised an RFP had been issued for communications sites. The fire departments in the County had made application thru Fire Acts Grant for subscriber units. He also advised EMS District had been awarded HRSA Grant funds which will enable them to purchase subscribers units.

- Hal Iverson with Air St. Luke's, advised of current amount of radios air ambulances. He advised of cost to equip helicopters with these radios. He indicated Air St. Luke's has three (3) helicopters, and he was not sure about Life Flight.
- State Communications and ISP Dispatch are tied into the Master Site now and ISP Hdqtrs in Coeur d'Alene, Id will be next. State Comm is considering enhancing manning to be able to monitor the regional talk groups with this system.
- Lt. Hamilton advised the FCC has released 2nd Notice for Notice of Rule Making on Licensing of D Block. Comments are due on or before June 20, 2008.

D. New Business:

Elections:

- * Chair of 700 MHz Committee for Region 12

Lt. Hamilton announced that he would be stepping down from his position as Chair of the Region 12 700 MHz Committee. He commented

on how much he enjoyed doing this, however recently he has been transferred to a different position, and the workload does not permit him to devote his attention to the job. Lt. Hamilton opened the floor for nominations.

Nikki Jansen nominated Capt. Mike Sanders for Chair. He has held the position of Vice-Chair for the last four (4) years. Dodie Collier second the nomination.

Lorraine Elfering made motion nominations cease.

Dodie Collier second this motion.

- Vice Chair

Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chair of the Region

12 -700 MHz Committee. Lorraine Elfering nominated Sgt. Todd Herrera for this position. Dodie Collier second this nomination.

Bruce Bowler made motion the nominations be closed. This was second by Lorraine Elfering.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

- Secretary Position:

Chairman Capt. Sanders appointed Lorraine Elfering, as this is an appointed position.

- Reallocation of bandwidth from 25 KHz to 12.5 KHz and 6.25 KHz.

Sgt. Herrera advised the current use of 700 MHz spectrum is at 25 MHz. He discussed moving to 12.5 MHz, would use the spectrum much more efficiently.

Lt. Hamilton advised he had submitted Plan with re-sort of 25 MHz, two (2) different times, and FCC has not responded. Matt Howarth advised that he would look at CAPRAD and re-sort of the frequencies and report back to the Chair. He stated he would check and see what is going on, as only one (1) Region has received approval at the 12.5 re-sort.

There was discussion on upcoming grant funding coming available from the federal level.

E. Adjournment:

Capt. Sanders asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dodie Collier made motion. Second was made by Loraine Elfering.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously – meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

Lorraine M. Elfering,
Secretary

Attendees:

Lt. Bart Hamilton, Ada County Sheriff's Office

Capt. Mike Sanders, Bannock County Sheriff's Office

Lorraine Elfering, Canyon County Sheriff's Office

Nikki Jansen, Ada County Sheriff's Office

Russ Bundy, Ada County Sheriff's Office

Matt Howarth, Motorola

Hal Iverson, Air St. Luke's

Dodie Collier, Idaho SIEC

Ed Emmuel, City of Boise

Sgt. Todd Herrera, Canyon County Sheriff's Office

Lt. Kevin Cox, Bonneville County Sheriff's Office

Bruce Bowler, Madison County Sheriff's Office