

Meeting Minutes
Integrated Public Safety Commission Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2022

1) Welcome

- a) The Integrated Public Safety Commission held its Q2 meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the IPSC CTC, 128 South Park Blvd., Greenwood IN. Chairman Doug Carter, Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
- b) Commissioners present in the room were: Supt. Carter; Senator Michael Crider; County Commissioner Jim Fulwider; Chief Mike Deikhoff; Mr. Reuben, FBI, Proxy for Michael Pavey. Commissioners present online were: Representative Randy Frye; Brian Jones, LeMay Enterprises, Chief Douglas Randell.
- c) Chairman Carter welcomed all in attendance, and with a quorum attained, immediately turned to the agenda items.

2) Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting

- a) Supt. Carter called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 3/15/22 meeting; so moved by Commissioner Fulwider, seconded by Sen. Crider; unanimous adoption.

3) Executive Director's Report

Kelly Dignin, Executive Director, provided the Commission with the Executive Director's report:

- a) Review of the five-year plan
 - i) Immediate issues:
 - (1) aging equipment - HVAC systems, generators and circuits are now 22 years old.
 - (2) vulnerable system circuits- towers are connected via copper
 - (3) site security.
 - ii) Three phases to rectify those issues:
 - (1) Repair and replace aging equipment, which may include new technology that could be more efficient and save money.
 - (2) making a more resilient network by upgrading the copper circuits to fiber
 - (3) installing security cameras - we are looking at putting 3 cameras with built-in alarms at each site
 - iii) Beyond the five-year plan: increase capacity with TDMA, get non-TDMA radios off the system.
- b) Staffing Update:
 - i) Two new ICC staff members: Larry Turner and April Koontz.
 - ii) Openings: Doug Cochrane retired, Network Services Division Director position is open. Additional openings: one microwave field tech, one ICC tech, one field technician and Emergency Communications Coordinator.
- c) Ex. Dir. Dignin reported that members of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met earlier today and several members commented on IPSC's high level of customer service.

4) FirstNet State Point of Contact (SPOC) Report

Kelly Dignin, FirstNet SPOC, provided the Commission with a report.

- a) Nearly 65,000 devices across 834 agencies are on FirstNet today in Indiana, double from last year.
- b) New sites on the air this quarter: Indianapolis (IUPUI Campus); Brown County - Beanblossom (Morgantown); Decatur County – Westport; Morgan County – Mooresville; Parke County - Bloomingdale (Turkey Run State Park); Fountain County – Hillsboro; Knox County – Vincennes; Whitley County - Columbia City (Peabody); Kosciusko County - Warsaw (Big Chapman Lake); Vigo County - Terre Haute (Airport); Wayne County – Economy; Marion County - Indianapolis (W 71st Street); Clay County - Bowling Green.
- c) Government Center in building coverage improvement has generated positive comments.

5) Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Report

Andi Baughn, Deputy SWIC, provided the Commission with a report.

- a) “Project Gold Line” will focus on closing the gap between 911 telecommunicators and IPSC and will include:
 - i. Planning, to include site trunking plans, PACE plans, and a communication package for new 911 directors with information about the radio system
 - ii. Training, to include Cybersecurity - Ransomware module and Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET); Radio system training; Pursuit training; Incident Tactical Dispatch (INTD)
 - iii. Technology, to include emerging technology available for 911 centers and FirstNet options for backup communication.
 - iv. Revival of the Indiana Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT)
- b) Conferences attended included the International Wireless Communication Expo (IWCE) and National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators (NCSWIC). Baughn and Fay were presenters and sat on several panels, including one that highlighted Indiana’s response to COVID-19 as a best practice – partnership with ISP, Department of Health and National Guard during mass vaccination clinics and distribution of supplies.
- c) Four staff members attended JamX, a radio signal jamming exercise in New Mexico.
- d) Communications Unit (COMU) summer school: Communication Unit Leader (COML) is next week. Communication Unit Technician (COMT) was held last week (10 new COMTs trained). Incident Tactical Dispatcher (INTD) in July.

6) Operations Report

John Asher, Director of Field Services, provided the Commission with a report:

- a) Has one open position.
- b) 13370 job tickets completed
- c) Working on a project for INDOT/9000 radios
- d) Other projects include HVAC replacement and assisting local agencies with projects.

7) Network Services Report

Venisha Warren, Interim Director of Network Services, provide the Commission with a report:

- a) replacing batteries
- b) upgrading battery charger modules
- c) upgrading sites from copper to fiber on a staggered schedule
- d) communicating with Nokia
- e) working with AT&T to increase support
- f) keeping up with site trunking

8) Subscriber Services Report

Jon Allen, Director of Subscriber Services, provided the Commission with a report:

- a) gave numerical stats on issued IDs and non-TDMA radios
- b) Number of IDs on the LMR system: 95,479
- c) New Technology users:
 - WAVE – INDOT, DOC
 - EPTT - Boone Co Sheriff, IDOH, Elkhart City Police, Steuben Co Sheriff
 - SmartConnect (Radio ~ WiFi) - Whitley Co Sheriff, IU Police
 - Smart Connect (Radio ~ LTE)- Whitley Co Sheriff, South Whitley Police, Dekalb Co SHF, Scott Co Sheriff, Vanderburg Co EMA, Lake Co
- d) Caliber's move to NLETS environment for better security
- e) FirstAlert – an active shooter application
- f) Caliber national user group meeting planning
- g) Ideas Summit dates:
 - July 19 – MADE Center, Plainfield, IN
 - July 20 – MAAC Center, Valparaiso, IN
 - July 21 – Peabody Library, Columbia City, IN
 - August 16 – Hancock Wellness Center, New Palestine, IN
 - August 17 – Vincennes University, Jasper, IN
 - August 18 – Dearborn County Fairgrounds, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025
- h) Training and Outreach:
 - i) system classes available on site
 - ii) continuing public safety meetings
 - iii) COMU and COML classes held
 - iv) preparing for INTD

9) Emergency Response Report

Tyler Clements, Director of Emergency Response, provided the Commission with a report:

- a) COMU field day was cancelled, may be rescheduled
- b) Disaster Communications Coordinator position will soon be filled. This position will heavily focus on amateur radio
- c) Planned events and exercises coming up:
 - Multiple County Festivals – 4H Fair support
 - Brickyard 400
 - July 4th Fireworks Indpls.
 - Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration
 - Numerous county/local 4th of July events
 - Exercise; Civil Unrest Exercise – Trine University, Angola
- d) Follow up on Thunder over Louisville especially communication challenges
- e) IPSC has responded to 15 incidents and requests for support this quarter, including deploying the Compact Rapid Deployable (CRD) to support communication during the Walmart fire
- f) 2022 calls for service:
 - Responses, Incidents – 15 | 26
 - Incident Communications Plans (ICS205) – 9 | 16
 - Cache equipment receipts – 457 | 559

- FirstNet uplift Hours – 196 | 260
- Cell Drop Kits – 5 | 9 Incidents
- Cache Radio Deployments (Incidents/events) – 11 | 15
- Auxcomm Radio Hours – 18 (FEMA Region V meetings)
- Miles Traveled (2) Emergency Response vehicles -> 7,586 | 16,401

10) Other Discussion

- a) Mr. Ruben asked for clarification from Jon Allen on the new Push-To-Talk app that allows radio communication on a cell phone

11) Adjourn

- a) Senator Crider motioned the meeting be adjourned at 2:40; Commissioner Fulwider seconded; unanimously approved.

The next IPSC Quarterly meeting will be on Tuesday, 9/20/2022 at 1:30 p.m.