**Interoperability Subcommittee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Conducted at SEMRECC, 100 High Rock Road Foxborough, MA

**October 13, 2022 – 10:00 AM**

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| **Members Present** | **Guests Present** | **Support Staff Present** |
| Robert Verdone, SEMA Regional 911Chief Brian Clark, Easton PDTim Gover, Wellesley PDMike Mahoney, ROCCCCapt. Scott Billing, PCSO | Ivan Pagacik, Ross & BaruzziniRichard Fiske, EOPSS | Kevin Ham, SRPEDDTodd Castro, SRPEDD |
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**Members Absent:** Dep. Chief Kevin Galligan, Brockton FD

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Verdone called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Mr. Ham did a roll for attendance.
2. **Public Comment:** No public comment was provided.
3. **Approval of 3-24-2022 Minutes:** The March 24, 2022, meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented via roll call.
4. **Budget Update:** Mr. Castro mentioned that they have committed all of the FY19 funds to Copicut Hill and for the equipment relative to the tower. He mentioned for FY20 there is approximately $250,000 available and at this time, it seems there is hard deadline to spend those funds according to a conversation with EOPSS and MAPC. He mentioned those funds are set to expire June 30, 2023. Mr. Castro mentioned we need to advance projects for that year. He did mention that FFY22 funds are not available yet, but he did give an update on the balances for projects.
5. **Copicut Hill Update:** Mr. Verdone mentioned he believes that fire is still waiting on some items, but CMED has gone in and has been tested for Copicut Hill. He mentioned Mr. Pagacik mentioned the old tower has had all the electrical disconnected. The crane has been scheduled the week of October 30th and the old shelter will be deinstalled within 5-6 days. Mr. Castro asked once it is taken down is there any backfill work that needs to be done to the area. Mr. Pagacik mentioned yes, they will smooth out the area where the shelter was and have it done by the end of November. Mr. Verdone asked if there was any risk for the microwave. Mr. Pagacik mentioned there should not be. He mentioned he is lining up the generator company and having them move the generator and disconnected all the power. Chief Clark mentioned by the end of November we should have no more Copicut projects. Mr. Castro mentioned that EOPSS would like to look at the final project when it is complete as well as FEMA. He mentioned this project has been in the works for many years and many funds have been dedicated to it.

Captain Billing asked about access issues and have keys to get into the area such as24/7 for all the vendors or tenants that will be in there. Mr. Verdone asked if there is any type of MOU and he believe BAPERN has done in the past and it has not been an issue. Mr. Ham mentioned there have been MOUs created in the past.
6. **Post Copicut Hill Priorities**: Mr. Verdone mentioned Copicut can come off the agenda and the committee can start discussing future projects.
7. **Public Safety Radio/Interop Update:**
8. Backhaul: Mr. Verdone mentioned that backhauls is a near term issue of getting our heads around what is built, what we're building, making sure there is enough on everything and any capital investments and the pattern. He mentioned there is certainly other interop issues the Council needs to address. He indicated many members have thoughts on part of the committee's data sharing intelligence.
9. Law/BAPERN SW:
	* 1. Potential microwave paths: Mr. Verdone did mention that the path is complete and goes from Dighton to Copicut and then from Copicut to Westport. Mr. Pagacik is working on a path and another way down to Westport around through the State Police and then building out a ring. The committee discussed this ring in further detail.
		2. Site Survey: Mr. Castro asked what direction they would like to go with the Site Survey. He mentioned if they knew what equipment was needed and SEIC, EHP approvals needed he could get items moving. Chief Clark stated maybe it should be discussed with BAPERN. Mr. Verdone mentioned they are trying to get as close as possible to BAPERN to close the ring. He mentioned that the next step is a theoretical path analysis to the existing tower. Mr. Pagacik mentioned that they have done the analysis and site visits. He stated that part of the scope was that they have a structural analysis once the paths are finalized and have a subcontractor who they are bringing in for structural analysis for existing sites to make sure that all is going work. He stated once they receive the structural analysis report they will get a bid spec and have it out for procurement. Mr. Ham asked what Mr. Pagacik needs from the committee to finalize the path. Mr. Pagacik stated that he needs approval that the concept is good, and they are good with the update today. He mentioned his team plugged in a lot of different sites to get paths to work and some worked, and some didn’t. Mr. Mahoney asked if Hanson was looked at because Hanson is about to do massive upgrades to Hanover’s infrastructure. Mr. Pagacik called Mr. Ted Dempsey and put him on speaker phone for members to ask him questions. Mr. Pagacik asked if the Raynham path doesn’t work there then he will at Easton. He asked Mr. Dempsey what other paths he has looked at. Mr. Dempsey stated he looked at Middleboro to Foxborough, but it is going to be degraded, because of the distance. He did mentioned Easton was a viable option and the other option was Marion to Raynham. He mentioned he has about 6 options now. Mr. Dempsey stated that Raynham has space on the water tower and there is a lot of dead equipment as well. Mr. Castro mentioned that Raynham does look full. He mentioned that these sites should be investigated and then if they do not work, then a plan B is needed. Mr. Castro asked who owns the shelter in Raynham. Mr. Dempsey stated the town of Raynham owns the shelter.
10. Fire: Not mentioned.
11. EMS: Not mentioned.
12. **Intelligence Information/Sharing:**

	1. Intelligence Analyst: Mr. Verdone mentioned they are starting to look at candidates for the Intelligence Analyst and interview. Mr. Ham stated it will be a year-by-year contract and we will have to know sooner than later if the Council will be receiving more funding in 2023.
13. **Critical Infrastructure:** No report.
14. **School Critical Incidents**: No report.
15. **Old/New Business**:
	* Caritas Good Samaritan HAM Equipment: Mr. Ham mentioned that years ago HAM equipment was purchased for Good Samaritan. He mentioned the person has retired that used to take care of it. Mr. Ham mentioned that he believes it may be HAM related radios. It was mentioned that Ray Cord is a person to speak to about this equipment. Mr. Verdone stated if it is equipment that is not needed then we can store it somewhere. Mr. Ham mentioned he found this equipment when he was doing inventory and there was no person to care for the items. Chief Clark stated that he could get Mr. Ham in contact with Ray Cord.

	Mr. Gover asked how the inventory went when Mr. Ham inventoried the items. He mentioned the Feds want to know who is accountable for the items and the items needs to be tagged. He mentioned SRAC is in the high 90% for having all items inventoried. Mr. Castro mentioned there are people that are good custodians. Mr. Castro mentioned SRPEDD had an intern this summer to help with it, but it didn’t work out. He did mention he does have a second interview today for a Homeland Security position that is advertised.
16. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:** None
17. **Next Meeting/Adjournment: The** next meeting is to be determined. Chairman Verdone adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.