

**Alaska Interoperable Communications Committee**

**AKICC**

**March 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

**Next Meeting: April 15, 2009**

Location TBA

Anchorage

Anchorage- AST Headquarters

Barry Wilson, AST

Bryan Fisher, Co-Chair DHS&EM

Ted Smith, DHSS

Chris Bushoe, Anchorage FD

John Dickens, ASEC

Tom Smayda, Mat-Su Borough

Brad Johnson, Fairbanks PD

At Large Telephonic

Jeff Tucker, North Star VFD

Michael Paschall, Rural LEPC

Rusty Lasell, Rural LEPC

Brad Johnson, Fairbanks PD

Peter Murphy, ALMR User's Council

Jim Larsen, ARRL/ARES

Arlene Weber Sword, DNR

Sarah Sanderlin, Urban LEPC

Frank Wesser, DEC

Call to Order: 0900

Roll Call and Introductions

Acceptance of Minutes from February 11, 2009

John Dickens motioned to approve minutes from February 11, 2009. Peter Murphy seconded. Passed without objection.

### Tribal Representation:

Brian is still working on finding someone to represent tribal interests on the committee.

### Mobile radio reallocation:

Brian reported that his office has looked at the reallocation and it has been deemed appropriate that this committee handle the reallocation. Chief Cummings with Fairbanks Fire is working on an inventory of the equipment available.

### Addition to membership:

Jim Larsen, Amateur Radio Emergency Services introduced himself. He is section manager for the Amateur Radio Relay League. He has been a ham operator for 43 years. He is working to involve ARRL He is in charge of (ARES) American Radio Emergency Services in Alaska with emergency training and exercises so they can be of more assistance in an emergency.

John Dickens made a motion to accept Jim Larson as a member, Chris Bushoe seconded. Passed without objection.

### SCIP Update

Modifications to plan that were discussed at the February meeting are being put together. Brian hopes to have them out before the end of the month.

### SICTEP Update

Bids were due yesterday. Once a vendor is selected, the committee will be notified.

### HB 81 Operation Budget

Brad Johnson discussed HB 81 operating budget bill had language inserted that it is the intent of the legislature to begin charging fees for ALMR and governments/organizations and any amounts not paid will be withheld from revenue sharing or other sources. He indicated that most of the volunteer organizations that use the system will discontinue if there is a charge. He also believed many local governments will as well.

Paschall inquired about having the committee take a position on the bill. Brian will take it through DHS&EM and to the SERC to oppose the legislation.

#### Regional TIC Plan Updates

Brian reported that DOD has contracted to update the regional TIC plans and develop a training plan for ALMR. Brian indicated it is needed to have administrative level/command level training about options with the system available. Schedule of updates

#### SERC Training Committee

Brian reported that the names of our committee representative to the SERC Training Committee have been sent to them.

#### COML and CASM Training Update

Brian reported he is working for September delivery of Alaska specific training. Most likely a 3 day Type III all hazard Communication Leaders class, with a 2 day ICS 300 class held prior to the COML class.

The CASM new account manager is Doug Schoenwald. If anyone needs access they can contact Brian or Kathy who will put them through to Doug.

#### FEMA Emergency Communications Appendix

Brian reported that the FEMA emergency communications appendix for Alaska has been sent out to everyone. It was developed between FEMA and DHS&EM recently in a short time frame. There were some problems with getting comments incorporated into the document so there will be a second final copy coming out soon.

#### Homeland Security Grant Applications

Brian reported that the Homeland Security Grant Application from the state to feds has been submitted. Interoperable communications is not a priority for the state any longer. DHS&EM has made a commitment to continue to pursue sources for funding for interoperable communications.

The current grant looks like applications will go out in a couple of months with final review near August.

The application process is to be as simple as possible.

The grant people have been busy working on the local application. ICAPO will be delayed but it is their next project.

### 911 Service

John with ACEMS has finally gotten basic 911 service in his area and the cell phone was routed to the trooper post. The system was used for an emergency while it was still being tested. He inquired about what this committee can do to improve 911 services. Brian explained that it is not considered interoperable communications by the feds.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.