

Southern Nevada Area Communications Council

MEETING MINUTES



Date: July 20, 2016

Location: Las Vegas Valley Water District
Mead 3 Conference Room
1001 S. Valley Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89107

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Board members present:	Dane Mattoon, Chair	Jeff Buchanan, Vice Chair
	Scott Mazick	Lou Amell
	Chris Vasquez	Frank Milligan
	Brian Nebeker	Bill Baltas

Call to Order

Public Comment: NONE GIVEN

Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, and two or more items may be combined for consideration. The Board may also remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time

1. Approve the July 20, 2016 agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items, and/or deletion of items, and approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting. (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Motion was made to approve; motion passed unanimously.

2. Receive the Administrator's Report with the inclusion of the status on the P25 migration upgrade. And overall system status. (*FOR DISCUSSION*):

SNACC Administrators Report

July 20, 2016

P25 and Console Upgrades-

- We have moved the Arden Peak ASR site down to the Geneva Site in Henderson to improve coverage in the downtown Henderson and along the 215 and I 95 corridors. The display on your radio will read Arden Peak from this site until we get further along in the project.
- System issues being reported by users has significantly reduced as we get nearer to a complete optimization of the new P25 system.
- SNACC is working with the City of Henderson to acquire the unused microwave from Geneva site to the 123 Lead Street location, as this will become an integral part of the SNACC system.
- SNACC and Motorola conducted training with the Clark County and Las Vegas Fire Departments on the proper usage of the radios while wearing firefighting gear. It was determined that the use of the Speak Easy device should not be used with the digital radios due to distorted audio.
- SNACC and Motorola completed the Acceptance Test procedures for the dispatch consoles at the Henderson Dispatch site.
- 40 Percent of the RTC fleet has been upgraded to P25 operations at the time of this report. The projected completion date for programming is August 2.
- McCarran Airport is moving at a rapid pace to replace all of their older analog radios. At this time they are approximately 90 percent complete in the conversion to P25.
- Nevada Gaming Control Board is working on numbers and procedures for obtaining both portable and mobile radios, and dispatch consoles.

Administrative/Technical Issues

- The Bullhead City Police and Fire Departments have elected to stay with their VHF systems for the next few years due to budget constraints.
 - At this time SNACC and Motorola is working on the possibility of adding a Nye County purchased site in Pahrump to enhance coverage communications in the area.
 - The Operations/Governance and Technical Working Groups are working on finalizing SOP's to bring to the Board for approval.
- Administrator Dave Goss commented that Pahrump wants to buy a site and have SNACC maintain the site. One of the departments SNACC has communicated with is Bullhead City Fire Department, they are going to stick with their VHF system due to budget constraints, but SNACC will continue to keep in touch with them. Another agency the Administrator has talked to is Lake Havasu. This agency is putting in a new switch. Dane Mattoon asked if it is a state connected system.
 - Henry Johnson of Motorola stated that discussions involving Bullhead City VHF system will be stand alone. Havasu decided to buy a phase 2 system and they will be standalone. There are discussions of Arizona tying into NEU system to eventually create a Northern Network. Discussions involving Bullhead are still open because SNACC is still an option for them. Motorola has met with city's manager's office. They will not move forward for another two to three years until they have paid off some bonds. Dane Mattoon asked how many sites does Metro have, Henry Johnson stated they have three.

- Frank Milligan asked Administrator Dave Goss, about the SNACC building lease agreement. The Administrator stated that the lease was extended and next year there will need to be rewritten.

3. Programming Charges for rental radios used on the SNACC system. (FOR DISCUSSION):

- Administrator Dave Goss stated that the most popular users for rental programming are the ambulance companies. The two SNACC working groups both discussed and would like to propose is charging 60 an hour for these special events. The number of Special Events is growing and these rentals are coming in more often. The charge would be 10 per radio.
- Jeff Buchanan asked if this charge would only be for the users that are not members.
- Steven Sweikert stated he would need to gather more information. If acquiring additional equipment it would not cover existing payments. Jeff Buchanan stated that these radios are for special events. Dane Mattoon stated that an example of where these fees would apply is for rental radios that McIntosh would rent out to agency that uses the SNACC system. Scott Mazick asked about the programming and deprogramming charge. Administrator Dave Goss responded that the six minutes would be for programming and deprogramming. This would only be for special events like EDC (Electric Daisy Carnival), New Year's Eve, and other new events coming up. Scott Mazick suggested for SNACC to give our D.A. Steven Sweikert the actual time spent on these radios.
- Bill Baltas suggested that SNACC should buy 30-40 radios and Administrator Dave Goss responded that there would be maintenance responsibilities that would take time.
- Chris Vasquez stated there were legal issues that came up with SNACC buying these radios to rent out and would cause competition issues with the private companies. SNACC would always be able to use member cache radios but only be IOP channels would be available.
- The Board agreed to bring this item to the OPS/GOV working group for further discussion before bringing item back to the SNACC Board.

4. Use of the IOP talkgroups on the SNACC system.

- Administrator Dave Goss the IOP channels are for all SNACC users to use. Calling SNACC and giving them notice that the IOP channels are in need for use. Metro is also using this as a backup for their radio communications.
- Dane Mattoon asked if his agency would be able to use the IOP channels or would SNACC have to turn them on. Administrator Goss stated that these are available at any time but SNACC would like to be aware for coordination purposes. IOP 1, 2, 3 are tied into our Motobridge, which patch Metro and SNACC.
- Chris Vasquez suggested that the OPS/GOV working group should create a policy for any outside agencies to use these IOP channels.
- Dane Mattoon asked if he would use these top three IOP channels to communicate with Metro if there was an event they were both hosting. The answer was yes because these three channels would appear on their dispatch center.
- Brian Nebeker stated that the 'ALL CALL' channels are also there for mutual aid with Metro.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Chuck Gilchrist informed the Board that in regards to the system, everything has been installed. In building repeaters that were installed before this project. The repeaters need to be evaluated and make sure they are capable of digital and can cause some issues going forward. The other issue, Motorola is about to work with RTC and going to install two port stations – they talked to HP; there were no recalls with this model. All of the consoles are in and the buses that have been programmed are on the system. The radio system with Xerox is working well. Going forward what they are testing the Geneva located in Henderson. The areas of concern are downtown Henderson and Horizon Ridge

area. The site is being worked on with optimization and should be completed by the end of this week. August 2, 2016 is the date when RTC subscribers will be completed. There is a Change order for the Las Vegas Detention Center. August 29, 2016 Motorola will be meeting concerning Mark Zachariah with this order. Arden was moved to Geneva.

Administrator Dave Goss commented that there were also issues near Railroad Pass and the 215 FWY; with the Geneva site there the communications have improved.

NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURN:

Next SNACC meeting is on August 17, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dane Mattoon, Chairman
Attachments

