



# Southern Nevada Area Communications Council

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: August 16, 2017

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
James Morwood	Sara McCrea
Bill Baltas	Chris Vasquez
Scott Mazick	

### 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 August agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items, and/or deletion of items, and approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting. (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)
  - A 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 SNACC Budget Report for the month of July 2017. (*FOR DISCUSSION*):

### SNACC Administrators Report

***P25 Reconciliation -***

- Jason and Jose continue on with reprogramming radios to remove old analog talkgroups.

***SNACC Business -***

- Billing has been sent out to all our users.
- There was an issue with the Console Maintenance billing. The corrected invoices will be mailed out as soon as the figures are discussed between SNACC, Clark County Finance, and Motorola. We are awaiting final billing information from Motorola.

***Administrative Items -***

- Dave Goss continues to attend managerial training courses, as provided by the City of Henderson.
- Jason Manzo completed the Astro 25 IV&D Secure Communications Workshop in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Also, he has completed the Communications Technician Training for FEMA; he would be deployed on a level 3 emergency through FEMA.
- Daniela Soto has completed the Administrative Assistant Conference/Seminar put on by National Seminars Training.
- Jose Suarez completed Effective Delegation training put on by the City of Henderson.

***Technical Items -***

- SNACC is continuing to work on the following projects with Motorola: Enhanced Data and GPS, Wave, Radio Management, Asset Management, OTAP (Over the Air Programming), and Microwave replacement.
- There have been few working group meetings, on account of the Technical and Operations Governance Working Group meetings being cancelled for various reasons.
- Administrator Dave Goss commented that there is a need to replace Jason's vehicle. Dane Mattoon asked if there is any reporting for determining the replacement of Jason's vehicle. Jeff Buchanan stated that the county fleet has a strict criteria on miles and years that they look to replace vehicles. David Johnson from Clark County Automotive would provide these reports to present to the Board. Dave Goss agreed and stated he would have these reports when the request is brought forth to the Board.
- Jeff Buchanan asked about the call back, \$2500 allotment for the year has been used on the 'Call Back' line item in the budget. Dave Goss stated that this was used when California completed their rebanding and in order to make sure the units towards the state line had access to California, SNACC had to go out and reprogram these radios. SNACC requested the date in advanced and SNACC was informed the day of. Dane Mattoon also authorized Jason and Jose to go out and reprogram the Henderson Fire Department APX radios. The emergency buttons on 40 APX radios were not working and Jose and Jason completed the task in 5.5 hours.

**3. Receive a report from the Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee from SNACC's representative member for a meeting held on July 28, 2017. (FOR DISCUSSION):**

- Dane Mattoon stated that meeting a conference call in July. FirstNet is up and running now and moving much faster now since AT&T is the selected vendor. FirstNet has a lot of infrastructure around the country. Ultimately, what came out of this meeting was the motion to vote that the Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee to advise the Governor to move forward as a state and opt into FirstNet. The Governor will take this from the Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee as a suggestion. The members of the Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee have talked about it for a few years and thought this would be the best direction to go. If not, there is a certain amount of time as a state to set up a plan, show the funding, and have a plan to show how to build out your site; that would not be a flyable option for the state of Nevada.
- Dave Goss suggested David Faulkner to chime in during this discussion.
- David Faulkner of FirstNet introduced himself as an ex-police officer from Phoenix Arizona where he was a detective for some odd years. Mr. Faulkner had the opportunity with FirstNet and asked if everyone new about FirstNet. The Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee voted to make the motion to the Governor to opt in. Everyone is on standby for further announcements from the Governor's office. In the meantime, the job David Faulkner has is to be an advocate for Public Safety now and in the future. David Faulkner does not work for AT&T; that is their partner 25 year contract for FirstNet. They care about what is right and wrong for the ladies and gentlemen of public safety. There are 250 FirstNet employees who take care of Public Safety. For the next 25 years of this contract the goal would be to be here as an advocate for SNACC. At the moment there is a comment review portion. There are less than 45 days comment review period. Comments from all over the United States, everyone is a bit different. The main issues are coverage and cost, AT&T has to provide the coverage and cost that is desirable or else no one will leave the current carrier. Verizon has a large market share of public safety out there. The next step would be, for example: if the governor agrees to opt in the next step would be adoption by agencies. No one is asking for anyone to adopt FirstNet and AT&T but that would be the whole concept, to have interoperability. In Arizona, Tempe Police Department cannot talk to Phoenix Police Department, this is an LTE system not a radio system, the idea is not to get rid of radios, but to have interoperability. The point it to keep the Law enforcement, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Safety safe. The most important thing for Nevada that was offered was deployables, Nevada might have deployables but they will have 72 deployables sent out. Andy Gagliardo was working on this and felt comfortable with the negotiations he reached with AT&T. Having Las Vegas strip, fires, floods which are all issues for deployables. The competitive rates AT&T will have a facade of competitive rates. There were a lot of questions about devices and once you leave the metropolitan area of Phoenix there are a lot of volunteer agencies, bring your own device type of issues. This all falls back on local control. As long as the device is and AT&T device does not have to be the fanciest device as long as it is able to have the chip in it, you can use your own device. The same would apply for a major agency. In Phoenix PD only sergeants and above have devices but soon will distribute these devices to officers. Lifesaving type technology is what is being worked on to keep track of the public safety officers. Guaranteed bandwidth so that there is clear and safe communications, that is what FirstNet is.
- Dave Goss questioned if Verizon is also joining in because all of the SNACC employees and himself have Verizon. The email that was released the morning of says you would be able to use any carrier. David Faulkner stated that when the law came in to effect in 2012 the whole point was that to give public safety an interoperable LTE network where everyone is all together, that is the main concern.
- George Molnar (Former Statewide Interoperability Coordinator) wanted know to if FirstNet has come up with a formalized eligible public safety user yet and if they have had a timeline for mission critical push-to-talk. David Faulkner responded that Police, Fire, and EMS would be the users. There are volunteers and emergency management users that might be included. The second answer to Mr. Molnar's question about the timeline for mission critical push-to-talk.

- Dave Faulkner stated he did not see a day where the average police office or any public safety agency would ever get rid of their radios. An exact date for mission critical push-to-talk is not set just yet and guesses it is a couple of years away. The greatest tool David Faulkner has seen is the Nextel phones.
- Henry Johnson commented that he wanted to let the group know that with the band class 14 frequencies and involvement with AT&T it is a strong partnership. The company today is working carefully but very methodically on the convergence of LMR, which is what SNACC has today. And the band class 14, FirstNet offering from AT&T. Any companies that run the band class 13 which LG technology is and LT Technology is. The big difference is that it is based on priority and ability to have all public safety commanding control of the band class 14. Band class 13 will have a combination of public safety and commercial as it does today. Henry wanted the Board to understand that they have Motorola Solution's full support with FirstNet activities with AT&T and is a partner with AT&T in any process moving forward.
- Dane Mattoon stated that this technology will become very important especially with Fire and Metropolitan Police Department when the Raiders come in three years. The weekends will have lots of priority preemption with applications that technology is something to look at.
- Scott Mazik wanted to add that the nice part of technologies of cellphones is that anyone can call any cell phone in anywhere in the world. When it comes to interoperability that is the definition of it. Mr. Mazik also requested the list of other carriers that might be able to join the FirstNet. RTC has some AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, and Verizon. AT&T would not have some of the requirement features. Mr. Mazik requested to have the board keep everyone apprised on other possible vendors and their interoperability with FirstNet. George Molnar commented LTE is LTE and the various feature sets for priority and preemption are going to be strongly set up for Public Safety in the calling plan, with some hardware build out in rural areas by AT&T and the FirstNet organization. Verizon users can continue to have data services. The capability of roaming with AT&T, Verizon, sprint and T-Moile should continue to exist. Whether or not band class 14 is actually used by any particular user it is basically irrelevant, just as mentioned band class 13 is adjacent to 14 and it is Verizon's territory as a Verizon customer, (Not speaking for any carrier) it is likely that your calling feature set will be different than that offered by FirstNet, particularly in the results with the core of the FirstNet. FirstNet core will have it authentication process will have local patrol process, security process, that will almost certainly be different than Verizon, Sprint, or T-Mobile. They will be interoperable, but there will be that value added services on FirstNet compared to any carrier. David Faulkner responded that he is not an engineer and he is not forcing anyone to switch carriers.
- Dane Mattoon requested the email discussed. Dave Goss also mentioned that there is a lot of information that needs to be reviewed from the article provided this morning.

**4. For the Board to approve the Strategic Plan. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION):**

- Jeff Buchanan stated that a year ago this was decided as a Board they needed a playbook for the Board because a lot of work and very detailed. There was no accountability and they all agreed to simplify this document to make it easy to follow and have Dave follow and be accountable to. Specific measureable and timely.
- Administrator Dave Goss stated that he will provide the monthly reports. Jeff Buchanan stated that there are also quarterly reports.
- Dane Mattoon commented that this is a playbook for the Administrator and the team.
- A motion was made to approve; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Approve adding one MGM radio to the SNACC System. (FOR POSSIBLE/ACTION):**

- Administrator Dave Goss commented that for profit agencies should have to pay because SNACC is a non-profit organization. They can pay the buy-in and yearly fee like all users pay to use the system.

This was the recommendation from the Administrator. Chief Cassel also agreed to have MGM on the SNACC system with the buy-in fee and yearly fee paid.

- Jeff Buchanan commented that from Clark County Fire respective they are supportive of having MGM on the SNACC system with the buy-in and yearly subscription fee.
- A motion was made to approve; motion passed unanimously.

**6. Approve the SNACC System Radio Compatible Policy. (FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION):**

- Dave Goss commented that as we continue to move forward phase II capabilities, there is a need for users to be capable and not be held back. Some users have purchased radios that are not type II or Phase II capable. This happened previously where we were waiting on other agencies to upgrade their radios. SNACC needs to continue to move forward. These are the options that need to be in the radios. This will aid SNACC to move to Phase II operations.
- Dane Mattoon stated that he has an issue with the policy and edit Motorola terms to more generic terms.
- Jeff Buchanan also stated that SNACC needs to be agnostic at the way we detail the descriptions of our requirements.
- Dave Goss agreed to edit the document and get this policy more generic.
- Chris Vasquez commented that the SNACC system is a Motorola System we would have requirements for these radios to meet these Motorola requirements to work on the system. It is a Motorola system so that Kenwood radio would have to have the Astro Digital software to work on the Astro Digital system.
- Dane Mattoon requested some input from Henry Johnson from Motorola.
- Henry Johnson stated that he would assist in getting some generic description terms transparent for SNACC to use on this list of requirements. All terms have to be compatible to the SNACC system. TDMA Phase II has been included in the configurations. It is less expensive to add upfront rather than after purchase. Dane Mattoon stated that it would be easier to have these features included and moving forward to Phase II without delaying the process.
- Scott Mazik commented that any non-Motorola radio would require some time for testing and whether there is a policy in place to charge a fee for that time the technicians take in testing the non-Motorola radios. Dave Goss responded that there has not been anything put together on that. Jeff Buchanan also responded that there definitely have been discussions on that criteria but once the criteria is honed in SNACC can put it all together. Scott Mazik also asked about the paper copy versus having the electronic copy of the features. The document needs editing and an electronic copy will be provided if need, per Dave Goss.
- This item was tabled for the next meeting. This document requires some editing.

**7. Receive a report from the SNACC Administrator on the walkthrough at National Park Service. (FOR DISCUSSION):**

- Administrator Dave Goss stated that National Park Service wanted to get on track with their payment for having their consoles on our system and the SUA II. They proposed to buy a system, six-pack to be placed in Hoover Dam, they would pay for having it all installed. Then SNACC would take over with regards to maintaining the site. By putting all this in that would help them pay for what they owe. Dave was hoping they would have Motorola Sales to get their equipment set up but they have to go through the Motorola Federal side to get this equipment pricing for not only equipment but for the installation as well. Dave will be working with Aaron Dykstra, who works with Bureau of Reclamation to rewrite the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) that was written three years ago. A lot has changed. The Hoover Dam Police Department will be going away and park service will be taking over, while Dave and Mr. Dykstra work on this MOU.

**8. Approve the State contract for APEX site. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION):**

- Dave Goss stated that this was another retro-approval. There are three racks on APEX and one rack of analog up on this site. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 SNACC will be paying for less now. Once the analog equipment is removed and the price will drop.
- Dane Mattoon asked if Steven Sweikert has reviewed the item, he had not. There was no difference other than the equipment. This contract has been approved every year.
- Dane Mattoon asked when the bill was due; the due date was July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. This was done quickly because there were some issues with the contract on their end.
- Dane Mattoon stated he was not comfortable with this contract not having been reviewed by Steven Sweikert.
- Item tabled for the next meeting for ratification.

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

**NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURN:**

Next SNACC meeting is on September 20, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dane Mattoon, Chairman  
Attachments

