

PANHANDLE REGIONAL PET COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 14th, 2016

10:00 AM MST

Bridgeport Police Department Building

Bridgeport, NE

Call to Order – Tim Newman - Chairman

Publication of meeting – Required by Open Meeting Laws

Present: Ron Leal, Milo Cardenas, Tim Newman, Heidi Gillespie, Amanda Stricker, Nan Gould, Tim Lordino, Jackie Larrington, Paul Callenius (Proxy for Ray Richards) Steve _____, State Patrol, Jamey Baltazor, State Patrol

Introduction of Visitors: Pam Kemper with State Radio System and John Lemen, OCIO;

Pam and John provided a presentation on the Statewide Radio System that was put together in phases using available existing sites. First phase was in western Nebraska. This is a closed and secure system with VHF mobile coverage whose charges need to be recovered and is P25 trunking radio standard (statewide roaming) which is required for Homeland Security grants and works with the 911 dispatch network and was designed primarily for state agencies first.

The system was designed for growth in the future to add towers and channels as needed. VHF was chosen because of the economical and wide use by agencies. Portable coverage is handled by vehicle repeaters to extend portable coverage when outside of the vehicle. Multiband radios are also compatible with this system and radios automatically roam to find the best signals.

SRS provides communications with any agency anywhere in the system, with mobile coverage and good clarity, giving voice priority, supports GPS and private calls if necessary. Data capability is low and it was not designed to carry data. There are 55 current towers and a system in place for reporting problems. The radio features ID on console, encryption, emergency button with hot mic, over the air programming and they have NIFOG interoperability, calling frequencies, and public safety interoperable frequencies.

The SRS is joint owned and maintained by the OCIO and NPPD and there is an operating and user group management system (SAG, SOG, SUG – administrative, operating and user groups). Currently 2500 full time users including Federal, State and local users. There are 7 vendors approved for use on the system (check with OCIO for compatibility), operations database, online radio management, deployable communications resources, and WAVE (Smartphone, tablet, computer application) with WIFI connectivity. The interoperable plan (ROC groups) designed specifically for connections with SRS and non SRS users and if installed the ROC talk groups for your local region are available. Equipment purchase is the user responsibility and the website is: <http://content.motoolasolutions.com/promo/nebraska/> for additional information

Approval of Minutes – from May 3rd Meeting – Troy Shoemaker Motions and Nan Gould Seconds

Grant Management report – Tim Newman – provided the update for the uncommitted funding:

2014 – Homeland Security Grant – OPEN UNTIL August 31, 2016

\$104,051.27 Spent

\$60,253.89 Obligated

- CERT Training - Region 21 will conduct one more class by August 2016 (\$900.00)
- \$3,225.84 remains in uncommitted (R 21 CERT Equip \$63.61, Panhandle Regional Planning \$55.95, CodeRED \$3034.98, LE/IED \$71.30)

Tim has received 2 projects thus far and he needs to put things in motion for finalizing. Please have projects to Tim ASAP.

MOTION – Troy Shoemaker Motioned: Allocate the \$6725.74 uncommitted 2014 funds toward the Chadron Police table tower based on an itemized list for the costs to begin this project. Milo Cardenas seconded the Motion. Motion Carries.

DISCUSSION: Nan Gould agrees that this is a viable project and remarks that the deadlines need to be met so that there is a chance to review the projects. Even though the attendance is not required to get a project funded, that timeliness is critical for projects.

2015 Grant funds are on a 3 year spending cycle. Because of additional funding allocated to Panhandle (30 K) for projects in the 2016 grant, the 2015 funds may be able to be used for other projects. Region 23 has additional project funds for Command software replacing Mobile Express that Midwest Card no longer supports. The funds projected for this project are over and above the actual costs based on the bid that was given and only an upgrade is needed rather than a complete overhaul. This leaves funding for the upgrades for the Command software, including a 1 day training to use it (\$1995.00) for upgrade for the software and a training at a cost of \$5445.00. Mobile apps (15 licenses - \$100 per) were requested in 2015 grant. Dedicated devices were requested in the 2016 grant, however the 2015 funding may be able to be used for these purchases. Devices purchased now can be at \$279.00 per with a current offer, and this leaves additional funding for reallocation.

In addition, funds were requested for ID card expenses for the printing the ID's. Tim discussed reallocating these funds so that the SRS Conselette would come out of the 2015 grant. This also leaves funds \$12,568 for the CERT Trailer. The discussion included the need for all counties to have Conselettes. PET requests that law enforcement submit projects and for agreement to be complete among the parties. Tim furthered the discussion with the notion of funding the CERT Trailer from the 2016 grant leaving \$12,769.00 – to fund Conselettes in Kimble and Box Butte counties. Additional projects were Morrell and Cheyenne EOC's. Troy is planning a training that partners with the fire department through Emergency Management.

Kate reported that the funding process was revised and the Policy Cabinet met on June 2, 2015 in Grand Island to address the additional 20% that needed to be trimmed from the previous decisions made at the IJ meeting. Panhandle funding to be allocated following approval is \$135,264.00. There are additional funds above that were requested and of the 11 projects that were submitted, 7 projects were allocated additional funds for CERT, Region 22 Ham Radios, etc. totaling \$30,568.00. NEMA has reallocated additional funding where it is appropriate to fund local projects across the state. Discussing this with Julie Mayers and reallocating the funds for the SRS Consetette in Cheyenne County and the CERT vehicle for Region 21.

The Scottsbluff PD initially put in for a robot in the 2014 grant that was less expensive and were going to use the remaining funds for SWAT training. Chief Lordino asked if the Scottsbluff bomb truck has a VHF radio. Perhaps this could be a request for radios from the state patrol. Following the purchase from Midwest Card the remaining funds will be used for previously submitted projects for Morrell and Cheyenne counties. The 2015 grant will pay for 2 of the 4 needed: Garden, Morrell, Box Butte and Cheyenne. The project that was written includes installation. The 2016 Work Plan revision needs to be in to Tim by June 30, 2016.

MOTION: Milo Cardenas Motions to reallocate remaining funds equaling \$11,534.00 from the ID Credentialing project in the 2015 grant to purchase a SRS Consetette for Cheyenne County. Troy Schumacher Seconds the Motion. Motion carries.

Discussion resulted in a verbal agreement to try to find funding in the 2016 for remaining counties needing Consetettes. The Bomb Squad will also need connectivity as well, however their training funds will remain. Following additional discussion to take advantage of current price breaks for devices. Nan Gould Motions to revise the previous Motion to:

MOTION: Revise the previous Motion to use the \$21, 500 from the 2015 grant previously allocated for the ID Credentialing project – \$5,445 (Command Software) purchase 15 devices for \$4199.85 for devices. Remaining funds in the 2015 grant will go toward the Consetette as well as \$4199.85 from the 2016 project. Paul Seconds. Motion Carries.

The 2016 Work Plan revisions need to be in to NEMA by August 2, 2016.

Old Business

- FY2016 Projects for the PET Region Update on where we are
- Discussion and possible action on reallocation of some FY2014 funds

New Business

- Other new business – none.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be – Aug 2 10:00 AM Kimball County, or at Scottsbluff EOC

Adjournment: Nan Motions to adjourn the meeting; Milo Seconds. Motion carries.