



ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Michele Bischof, Chair
Jason Hoffman, Vice-Chair
Chris Maiers, SWIC
Curtis “Wally” Walser, Deputy SWIC

***** Please note: This meeting will be held via in-person and GoTo Meeting Link *****

Michele Bischof
City of Des Moines Fire Dept.

Eric Dau
Clinton County Communications

Rob Dehnert
Westcom

Blake DeRouchey
Iowa Homeland Security &
Emergency Management

Maxx Godsey
Department of Public Safety

Dennis Hart
Department of Management

Jason Hoffman
Carroll County 911 Coordinator

Vacant
SWIC - ISICSB

William McLain, Master Sergeant
Iowa National Guard/Dept. of
Defense

Curtis “Wally” Walser
City of Cedar Rapids Fire Dept.

Jim Wittenwyler
Department of Public Safety

Bob Younie
Department of Transportation

Vacant
Governor’s Office

RIC Leaders

Rob Dehnert, RIC 1 Chair
Jason Hoffman, RIC 1 Vice-Chair
Brian Blodgett, RIC 2 Chair
Joel Rohne, RIC 2 Vice-Chair
Corey Trucke, RIC 3 Chair
Shawn Olson, RIC 3 Vice-Chair
Larry Hurst, RIC 4 Chair
Mike Jensen, RIC 4 Vice-Chair
Larry Smith, RIC 5 Chair
Vacant, RIC 5 Vice-Chair
Vacant, RIC 6 Chair
Steph Coffey, RIC 6 Vice-Chair

FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Hoffman at 9:00 a.m.

GoTo conference telephone line and GoTo Meeting were opened.

Committee Members Present via Conference Line & GoTo Meeting: Brian Blodgett, Jason Hoffman, Corey Trucke, Curtis “Wally” Walser

Guests: Jared Byrne, Lesia Dixon, Jon Olson, Richard Pierce, Tyler Richard

Committee Members Absent: Steph Coffey, Eric Dau, Rob Dehnert, Blake DeRouchey, Maxx Godsey, Dennis Hart, Larry Hurst, Mike Jensen, William McLain, Shawn Olson, Joel Rohne, Larry Smith, Corey Trucke, Jim Wittenwyler, Bob Younie



Welcome Remarks –Chair Bischof

Vice-Chair Hoffman welcomed the group, and introductions of those present via GoTo Meeting and conference line were made.

Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

a. Update on “Who’s on FirstNet?” Database (Brian Blodgett)

- A few new agencies continue to sign up for the database each month
- Encourage to continue stakeholders to sign up

FirstNet Update (Jon Olson)

Jon Olson provided the following update:

- **Latest News:**
 - [FirstNet, Built with AT&T is Connecting More First Responders Across Oregon](#)
 - [Indian Gaming Association, FirstNet Authority and FirstNet program at AT&T launch collaborative effort to promote best practices for public safety communications and coordination of FirstNet](#)
 - [FirstNet, Built with AT&T is Connecting More First Responders Across North Carolina](#)
- **New Podcast:** [Episode 64: Introducing the Public Safety Immersive Test Center: A VR Experience](#)
- **Featured FirstNet Authority Video:** [Taking the call from anywhere: Testing remote 911 capabilities - YouTube](#)

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- **2022 FirstNet Authority Combined Board and Committees Meeting**
 - Wednesday, August 17, 2022, location TBD / Virtual
 - Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Washington, DC / Virtual
- **Olson Iowa Engagement:** Jon Olson is planning to attend the July FirstNet Committee Meeting in person and will be reaching out to different Iowa participants and partners for in-person discussions during the week of July 11th.

AT&T Update (Tyler Richard)

Tyler Richard reports the following:

- No new tower sites
- RAGBAI planning is in progress - working with stakeholders to determine areas where SatCOLTs will be needed

- Anyone who may need a SatCOLT for any event can request one through the FirstNet Central portal, the FirstNet Customer Care line, or by directly contacting Tyler Richard
- AT&T/FirstNet is also working on local events with Newton and Knoxville Raceways
- SatCOLT deployable needs are determined by conducting a network risk analysis based on site locations, backhaul, generators, band-14 availability, etc.
- Lesia Dickson states that FirstNet Authority has the ability to assist with event communications planning and provide a report after the event to determine needs to improve for future events

SWIC Report – (Deputy SWIC Walser)

Deputy SWIC Walser reports the following:

- **Training:**
 - COMT course completed last week in Clear Lake
 - INTD course completed in Marshall County
 - COML course scheduled for September at Westcom
 - COMMEX course planned for fall 2022
 - COMT trainings incorporate FirstNet discussions – information gathered will be beneficial for COMTs to dispel rumors and incorrect information regarding FirstNet
- **RAGBRAI:**
 - Coordinated primarily by local committees
 - EMAs would be the best option as the point of contact

New Business – (Vice-Chair Hoffman)

- **Ethics Board Attorney Letter and Advisory Opinion**
 - Requested by AT&T/FirstNet to determine whether or not the exclusive offering and special rate of FirstNet services to government public safety entities/employees violates Iowa's gift law
 - Found that the exclusive offering does not violate Iowa's gift laws
- **In-Building Coverage Presentation (Tyler Richard)**
 - The GoTo Meeting abruptly disconnected as Tyler was beginning his presentation
 - Continued to have difficulties staying connected to the GoTo Meeting, so it was decided that Tyler would finish the presentation at the July FirstNet Committee Meeting

Questions/Open Discussion/Comments

None

New Action Items

- Confirm Jon Olson and Lesia Dickson attendance at July FirstNet Committee Meeting (Chair Bischof)
- Continue in-building coverage presentation (Tyler Richard)

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, @ 9:00 am

Location: GoTo Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/904316493>

Conference Line: +1 (669) 224-3412

Access Code: 904-316-493

In-person: DPS

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am