

**Meeting of The
FCC Region 19
700 MHz Technical Advisory Committee
Tuesday December 9, 2003
New Hampshire State Police Headquarters
33 Hazen Drive
Manchester, NH**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.
Present were the Chairman, and Secretary. Attendees signed the attendance roster.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman provided a copy of the attendance list for circulation and requested all present initialize the list or add their name to the list. He asked that all check their record of attendance and bring to his attention any discrepancies in the record.

MOVED by Mr. Leary, and **SECONDED** by Mr. Welch that the minutes of the previous Meeting, September 9 , 2003 be **ACCEPTED**. There was no discussion and the Minutes were **APPROVED** unanimously.

Membership

Mr. Kowalik noted that there are changes to the New Hampshire representatives on the committee. The AASHTO representative will be Mr. Dave Chase. Mr. Herrick of NH, Emergency Management has resigned and will be replaced by Mr. Don Keeler.

Mr. Kowalik requested the committee add Mr. Don Bardwell of NH State Police Communications for membership/nomination into the committee. His membership would be identified as the New Hampshire Police representative.

The Chairman requested a written letter of nomination for Mr. Bardwell, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Keeler from higher administrative authorities in their respective discipline before the committee can accept approval for membership.

The Chairman noted various vacancies in the committee representation. He expressed concern that those who are not participating will not reap the future benefits as the committee moves forward. Further contact will be made with the administrations of those entities that are minimally represented on the committee in hopes of increasing attendance and membership.

State Update

Connecticut - There is an attempt being made to formalize a “State Interoperability Executive Committee”. Draft proposals have been submitted. The need for coordination of interoperability is recognized. Progress is being made.

New Hampshire - Mr. Kowalik described the “New Hampshire State Police Digital Interoperability Expansion Project”. This program will provide an upgrade to the existing infrastructure. The formation of a State Interoperability Executive Committee will allow certain related issues to be addressed formally. After describing the current and proposed statewide system Mr. Kowalik answered specific questions from the group.

NCC Update

The Chairman noted that additional funding would be made available to the Regional Committees, as in the past.

FCC Update

There is no current news from the FCC regarding 700 MHz activity.

CAPRAD

Mr. Carbonell reported that Regional CAPRAD updates would occur. The Chairman noted that further training in the use of CAPRAD could be funded in part by the upcoming Regional Committee funding via NCC.

Plan Development

The Chairman noted that paper copies and a CD of the draft have been mailed to all committee members. Corrections were distributed for Section 6. Page 3, (General use) Paragraph one, second sentence, the frequency groups are changed to 6.25 kHz rather than 25 kHz.

Mr. Carbonell noted that the “general limits” sentence was omitted during the correction. It will be reinserted in the next printing.

Part 1, section 9, page 2 is deleted. It is not applicable to Region 19.

Appendix G, page 19, “Rhode Island”, change Paul Leary to FCCA inquiry. Delete EMS inquiry reference.

Section I, Page 2. Update certain of the contact addresses.

The Chairman projected Committee approval of the Plan at the March meeting. Thereafter, the plan will be submitted to the FCC and adjacent regions.

Plan for 4.9 GHz

Plan development for the 4.9 GHz band is slowly starting to form. Development of this plan was described as “repairing Humpty Dumpty after he was pushed off the wall.”

Mr. Derdak questioned the enforceability of a 4.9 GHz Plan after the incumbents are already operating systems.

New Business

No new business was introduced.

Moved by Mr. Carbonell, and **seconded** that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting **adjourned** at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted
James Warakois, Secretary