

**New England Region 19 700 MHz**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2005**

**10:00A.M. - 12:00P.M.**

**Annual Meeting**

**LOCATION:**

**Massachusetts State Police Headquarters  
470 Worcester Road  
Framingham, Mass.**

The meeting was convened at 10:03 AM

**Election of Officers**

Present were George Pohorilak, Chairman, Jerry Zarwanski, Vice-Chairman, Jim Warakois, Secretary. All present signed the attendance sheet. The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary of the New England Region 19 Technical Advisory Committee. Nominated from the floor; George Pohorilak, Chairman, Jerry Zarwanski, Vice-Chairman, Jim Warakois, Secretary. There were no further nominations. After the close of nominations a voice vote was taken.

The three nominees were elected to serve for the next 12 months.

The Chairman announced that he was in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent, Boston Fire Department identifying Mr. Joseph Brooks as a Fire Representative from Massachusetts. Mr. Brooks is currently with the Boston Fire Department.

**Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2005 & June 14, 2005**

The minutes of March and June were accepted by voice vote.

**Finance Report**

The Chairman announced that approximately \$300 remains from the original \$2500 allocated. Mr. Carbonell reminded the Chairman that the Committee website fee of \$84.00 is due shortly. There was further discussion of the apportionment of the remaining funds for partial subsidy for CAPRAD training and paper supplies.

## **State Update**

Connecticut - Mr. Carbonell reported a state wide move to improve ITAC and ICALL equipment and usage. He also noted that there have been ITAC 4 issues with an adjacent state. Mr. Stemmler noted that some of the issues will be remedied by the “capture effect”.

Rhode Island- Mr. Crotty reported that although there are projects moving forward there is no committee in Rhode Island designated for guidance in interoperability activities.

Massachusetts- Mr. Sutherland reported that there are several subcommittees associated with various regions in the State and disciplines are necessary for all progressing toward a uniform plan of operation. He added that State EMS is operating a taskforce for updating communications. He also noted that funding has not been disbursed pending the review of numerous plans.

New Hampshire – Mr. Kowalik noted that there are multiple committees making interoperability initiatives. This is occurring on an agency by agency basis and not as a statewide endeavor. Coordination of the efforts has yet to evolve. JPS equipment is in place for interoperability. There is a plan to remotely manage the ACU equipment. This is a joint effort of EOC and DOT.

Maine – No report. Mr. Kowalik identified an effort to organize an interoperability plan with the State of Maine. Mr. Dave Chase of DOT is leading the efforts.

Vermont – No report

**FCC Update** – The release date for 700 MHz will probably be announced at the National Governors’ Conference

**NARPC** – Mr. Carbonell stated that AASHTO is going to suggest assignment of three 700 MHz channels for exclusive use for GPS Differential signal transmission. Further discussion of 700 MHz digital and analog channels requirements will be discussed at other committee meetings.

**NPSTC** – Mr. Zarwanski noted that NPSTC is looking for members from regional planning committees. The individual would represent the Region at quarterly meetings. Mr. Kowalik moved to table the discussion for the moment. Approved by voice vote.

**CAPRAD** – Various members discussed the Maintenance of the National Data Base. It was noted that NPSTC favors CAPRAD as the database manager for 800MHz, 700MHz and 4.9 GHz.

**Plan**

The chairman announced that the FCC has approved the 700 MHz plan submitted by Region 19. The document is FCC-DA 05-2363 (August 29, 2005)

Eligible applicants may file during the Window openings. The plan calls for 2 window openings in a given year. The window closing will be May 1 and November 1. The filings will be reviewed at the June and December meetings. Discussion was held regarding the media form that the window opening announcements would take.

**4.9 GHz-**

A first draft of a Region 19 4.9 GHz Frequency Plan was distributed.

A Technical Subcommittee was announced. It will be the purpose of the committee to Review and digest technical matters related to the band.

Members of the Technical Subcommittee are; Mr. Warakois, Mr. Zarwanski, Mr. Kowalik, Mr. Chase, Mr. Carbonell, Mr. Brown, and others who wish to participate.

At the conclusion of the formal meeting Mr. Cruikshank, Motorola, extended his thanks on behalf of the technical community for the work accomplished by the committee over the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Warakois, secretary

**Reference documents**

PUBLIC NOTICE, Federal Communications Commission, DA 05-2363, August 29, 2005

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION,

**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU APPROVES REGION 19  
(NEW ENGLAND) 700 MHz REGIONAL PLAN, WT Docket No. 02-378**

*Letter*, from Superintendent, Boston Fire Department, Fire Alarm Division, September 7, 2005