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The Meeting of the Utah Communications Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Anchor Location: 5215 Wiley Post Way, Suite 550, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Chief Mike Mathieu

Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Alecia Gleave
Andy Smith
Clint Smith
Darrin Adams
Travis Trotta (sitting in for Colonel Rapich)
Rob Nelson
Tracy Glover
Mike Mathieu

Committee Members Absent:

TJ Brewer
Ken Wallentine
Lynn Yokum
Mike Phillips
Jared Rigby

Approval of Minutes

January 10th Minutes
Motion: Clint Smith
Second: Andy Smith
Vote: Motion Passed with all in favor

Update on UCA staffing changes:

Director Dave Edmunds provided an update. He will be leaving UCA to go back and manage their family business. Edmunds stated that he has confidence in the staff at the UCA. Edmunds offered thanks for the kindness shown to him during his tenure at UCA. The UCA board has appointed Quin Stephens to replace Edmunds as UCA's Director. The Radio Division's Brad Morris has taken a job at the University of Utah and there have been several other retirements within the organization. Quin Stephens followed Edmunds

displaying confidence with the staff at UCA and their ability to complete the P25 migration and maintain the system at a high level.

Radio Division Report:

Chief Mathieu asked specifically for an update on the progress of a radio site on Navajo Mountain. One of the members mentioned that Lynn Yocom, PCAC committee member from UDOT had mentioned last meeting that they had been frequently working with the Navajo Nation on other matters and could assist with getting the UCA in contact with the correct people to get some movement on Navajo Mountain radio site. Quin Stephens was asked if UCA had made any progress based on those conversations. Quin stated that there is a current site on Navajo Mountain but that the mountain is large and can shadow the current site. UCA wants to get a second site further to the north that will cover a broader area. Quin stated that they have ongoing talks with the Navajo Health Systems to accomplish a partnership on a couple of sites in the area. UCA Board member Kevin VanTassel is working with UCA to establish a line of communication with the Navajo Nation. Quin stated that UCA is engaging in planning on several other sites to cover the broader area in case they are unable to get a site on Navajo Mountain. Quin and Dave Edmunds both stated that they have not been able to get a contact with any one Navajo Nation person that has the authority to make a decision. Dave stated that Navajo Mountain is a critical site and arguably the most influential site UCA could have in the state. Sheriff Glover stated that he has a relationship with the Navajo County Sheriff Dave Clouse in Arizona. Clouse has a close relationship with the president of the Navajo Nation and is willing to assist us. Clouse also mentioned that the state of Arizona and Navajo County are currently working on upgrading the Northern Arizona radio network including an upgrade/addition on Navajo Mountain and that they would be happy to work with UCA to accomplish our common goals and improve interoperability in the area. Sheriff Glover's connection broke up and Quin stated that he would contact Glover separately to discuss those connections. James Baker stated that the UCA has been focusing on a couple of sites. One of the sites will service Carbon and Emery County near Helper and another near Hanksville. UCA is working on the back haul from both sites. Two additions to the system include training Sevier County and migrating them onto the system. Grand County has also procured new user equipment and been trained and will be using the trunked system.

P25 Division Report:

James Baker reported that he is in Virginia for factory acceptance testing for the console systems procured through L3H for the 119 sites.

Interoperability Division Report:

Michael Veenendaal reported that he is working on the statewide communications and interoperability plan and may be reaching out to stakeholders throughout the state. Mike mentioned that the next major interoperability event that they are planning for is the air show at the end of June that is expecting up to 750,000 visitors. UCA is working with the Air Force, Davis, Weber and Morgan County to prepare for that event.

Encryption Principles/Recommendations:

Michael Veenendaal is aware of requests for some level of encryption on the new system. UCA has sent out a document asking for direction from this committee regarding what exactly is wanted. There are different ways to accomplish encryption. UCA wants

feedback regarding what the needs are so they can meet those needs. Chief Mathieu discussed the concern that encryption could work against interoperability during a multijurisdictional incident. Mathieu suggested that discussions have been centered on one single encryption key to avoid un-necessary complexity. Mathieu suggested that we look toward single key encryption across the state with talk group permissions controlled by policy. Mathieu also suggested that there could be a scenario where a highly specialized could include additional encryption keys for added security on an as needed basis if their function requires that. The document will be taken under advisement and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting Schedule:

Chief Mathieu asked for input regarding the UCA PSAC meeting schedule. The PSAC has statutory obligation for a minimum of 4 meetings per year. We have tried to conduct the meetings on a re-occurring day and time. Chief Adams suggested a hybrid option with an in-person and online option. Adams also suggested a set meeting schedule. Other committee members agreed with this concept. Quin said UCA has meeting space available with increasing technological capabilities. It was suggested that the first Wednesday of every other month be set as the meeting schedule. Quin stated that the governing board meets every 7 weeks. 2:00 PM was agreed upon as the standard meeting time. Tentative dates for the four remaining meetings of 2022 would be June 1st, July 27th, October 5th and December 7th.

Action/Follow up:

Chief Mathieu mentioned that there are many radio system users across the state that have been very loyal and comfortable customers of Motorola. Weber County had previously asked the two primary vendors to come and present to the users there so users can get more comfortable and aware of the features that may exist. The presentation was beneficial for those that attended. It was suggested that it may be beneficial to ask the primary vendors to address this committee to present five points about their product that they would want the end user to be familiar with. Mathieu suggested that the PSAC committee hold an in-person meeting to accommodate a similar presentation. Andy Smith suggested that we hold the meeting but asked that we have at least one technical UCA representative present to help us understand the real capabilities and features as they are presented. Rob Nelson stated that the P25 functionality is exciting and is something that needs to be talked about and well understood. Rob stated that L3H would be happy to participate and that he is sure Motorola would likely want to participate as well. Mathieu stated that he thinks it is very important to have James Baker and Michael Veenendaal present during the presentation to advise the committee members on technical issues. The suggestion was made to hold two separate meetings across the state to accommodate committee members and guests from around the state. Rob Nelson stated that the vendors would likely be willing to present during the June meeting and again at the July meeting. It was settled that we would hold two meetings, one tentatively hosted by DPS at the Rampton Building and the other at UFRA in Utah County. Rob also suggested that the vendors will separately continue to meet with individual agencies as requested for similar purposes.

Additional Items: (for the good of the order)

Chief Mathieu stated that he and Sheriff Glover, serving as the chair and vice-chair of the committee would like to hear from any committee members concerning any issue that needs to be addressed or discussed. We want the committee to be functional, efficient and effective with open lines of communication and an overall goal of advising the governing board on important issues related to the system. If a quorum (8 committee members)

would like to get together to call a meeting, just let the chairs know and we can pull something together. Chief Mike Brown is being nominated to the governing board to serve as a member of the PSAC committee.

Motion to adjourn: Chief Adams
Second: Andy Smith
Unanimous vote

Meeting Adjourned.

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