



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

Location: Electronic Call

January 30th, 2023

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome: Chief Mike Mathieu

Thanks to Sara from UCA for being on with us and for being willing to set up the electronic meeting and send out the invitation so it automatically attaches to the committee members calendar.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Chris Smith/Lynn Yokum

Mike Rapich

Clint Smith

Neil

Rob Nelson

Tracy Glover

Mike Mathieu

Mike Phillips

Lynn Yokum

Committee Members Absent:

TJ Brewer

Mike Brown

Andy Smith

Ken Wallentine

Jared Rigby

Darrin Adams

3. Approval of Minutes

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Motion: Mike Rapich

Second: Clint Smith

Vote: Motion Passed with all in favor

4. Quin Stephens General Update

Winter shifts gears for crews and makes UCA focus on keeping the legacy systems up and running. Equipment failures and deep snow has made this winter difficult. DPS helicopter has been very useful in keeping the legacy system up and running.

P25 crews are still working to upgrade backhaul systems. Quin stated that UCA will begin the migration process on their side this summer with the end user migration expected to start during the first quarter of 2024. 911 side is humming along with new NG911 equipment without much trouble. Mike Veenendaal is doing fleet map trainings. If you haven't seen one, please reach out to UCA.

Tracy Glover asked about the Navajo Mountain project. Quin stated that he would talk to Travis on that progress. Lynn Yokum stated that UDOT will be meeting with the Navajo Nation tomorrow. She stated that they are waiting for cultural clearance on that site. She said that funding is in and that Travis had put in all of the specifications but was not sure if he had received all of the replies.

5. Rob Nelson L3 Harris

Demo systems are coming online. Nate Mutter and Rob with engineering help are coming up with a running order of how to roll out the demo system. Understand that many users want to actually hear the radio system work to get more comfortable prior to migration. L3 Harris is at the Fire Chiefs conference doing some demo work. Rob introduced Nate Mutter as a new addition to the L3 Harris team. Provided his contact information. Excited to partner with Nate and utilize his experience to interface with the users in Utah.

Mike Mathieu encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to demo the equipment to allow end users to have an idea of how the new system will work.

6. Radio Division and P25 Report: Phil Krebs

Getting to the sites has been difficult with the snow. The helicopter has been very useful. On the P25 side we have 37 sites that still need backhaul, 10 sites need grounding, 6 sites that need remediation such as civil construction and/or new building, two towers to get into compliance and 11 sites that still need radio equipment installed. On the 911 side, 42 consoles have been installed and there is a total of 224 that need to be installed.

7. Interoperability Division Report: Michael Veenendaal

Fleet maps are basically built out. Next step is going out to each agency to work through the talk group adjustments. UCA has made some adjustments to zones based on stakeholder feedback. Hoping to get the programming documents out to agencies by

February 13th. Mike is willing to get out to each area to conduct training so that every user has the opportunity to make good use of the system as soon as the migration happens.

Chief Mathieu asked about the recent changes to the radio grant program. Quin reminded that UCA negotiated price break of 65% with L3 Harris. The legislature also provided funding for price breaks for agencies on a sliding scale based on class of county. One of the big goals was to provide phase 2 compliant radios across the system. Originally UCA had selected the 185 radio as the baseline radio which is a top quality single band radio. As funding has allowed, we have adjusted that baseline radio to the XL200P or XL200M dual band option. Tina Mathieu physically called every agency that had placed an order to ask if they wanted to move to the 200.

8. Elections

Mike Mathieu thanked everyone for assisting him during his term as committee chair and looked forward to working together on the transition, fleet mapping etc.

Quin provided clarification on the statute regarding who can vote as a member of the PSAC. It was decided that a quorum is present, and voting is in order.

Clint Smith made a motion to elect Vice Chair Sheriff Tracy Glover to the position of PSAC Chair. Motion was seconded by Colonel Mike Rapich and accepted by Sheriff Glover. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Discussion regarding the desire of the committee to stagger the chair between law enforcement and fire.

Colonel Rapich made a Motion to elect Chief Mike Phillips to the position of Vice Chair pending his acceptance. Seconded by Chief Clint Smith. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

9. Additional Items: (for the good of the order)

Appreciation to Chief Mathieu from board members for his service as Chair of the PSAC. Looking forward to meeting closely together over the next year as the migration intensifies to make sure we are a conduit of information.

10. Meeting Schedule:

Very grateful for Sara's willingness to assist the committee with scheduling invitations. We would like to continue to hold our quarterly meetings prior to the UCA board meetings so we can provide input.

Next meeting date will be held on April 10th, 2023, at 2:00 pm, prior to the April 19th UCA board meeting.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Clint Smith

Second: Lynn Yokum

Unanimous vote

Meeting Adjourned