

Quad City P25 Radio Project



MINUTES (for approval) QC P25 INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020, 2:00 P.M.

Appointed Members present: Steve Seiver, Jeff Snyder, Darren Hart, Jason Foy, Steve Knorrek, Linda Frederiksen, Tracey Sanders, & Shawn Roth via ZOOM.

Others Present: Dave Donovan, Sam Fleege, Jason Cook, Ron Erickson, Dave Kaun, Stacey Bollinger, & John Thompson via ZOOM.

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M. Roll call was completed.

Moved by Jeff Snyder, seconded by Tracey Sanders, approval of the Minutes of the September 23, 2020, QC P25 Intergovernmental Advisory Group. All ayes.

Chair Hart advised the group that since our last meeting he has reached out to several people regarding their policies and talk groups that have the P25 radio system in place. Chair Hart stated that he contacted Charlie McClintock from Cedar Rapids and has had no response. Tom Murray, from Will County, IL advised that they have their own technicians, however they have no written policies on the actual use of their system.

Dave Kaun advised the group that he has worked with Charlie McClintock in the past and will assist getting into contact with him. Dave also gave another name of Tom Jones, from Johnson County, Iowa, and will help get in contact with him as well. Tracey Sanders advised that she has tried to reach out to her contacts with the SARA system, but was told no written policies exist either.

Discussed that the ISICS system with the State of Iowa has policies and general rules on their website, and that this may be a good place to start with our policy discussion for the new P25 system.

There was further discussion on talk groups and encryption. Hearing from the fire departments that they do not need encryption. Police departments in Iowa have requested that all police channels need encryption. Concern from the Illinois side is radios that are not being replaced will have limited encryption capabilities to communicate with Iowa if all channels are encrypted.

Dave Kaun explained to the group that when two talk groups are patched together they will establish a hidden talk group for the two and establish an encryption channel if necessary.



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Chair Hart told the group that the Illinois side has a meeting coming up in a few days to continue the discussion about talk groups to possibly shorten their existing list. Hart asked the Iowa side where they are at and how they are handling the discussions. Sanders advised that they are almost complete. Sanders said a few years ago they asked RACOM to run a push to talk report to see what channels are being used and which ones are not. This information was then provided to the departments and they were able to shorten their list from that.

It was discussed amongst the group that their needs to be smaller groups to discuss the talk groups between the two counties.

No public comments.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 P.M.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

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