

# LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting date:** 12-Apr-10

**In attendance:** SIRCOMM Director John Moore, SIRCOMM Tech Coordinator Jerry Gonterman, Twin Falls County Sheriff Tom Carter, Lincoln County Sheriff Kevin Ellis, Kimberly City Officer Kirk Rosenau, Jerome County Sheriff Captain Jack Johnson, Twin Falls City Police Lieutenant Craig Stotts, Twin Falls City Police Chief Jim Munn, Jerome City Police Chief Dan Hall, Filer Police Chief Tim Reeves, ISP Lieutenant Rob Storm, Jerome County Sheriff Doug McFall, SIRCOMM Lead Supervisor Kristy Churchman

**Minutes:**

Meeting in session at 1410 hrs.

Chief Hall moved to approve the minutes from the March 8th meeting; Sheriff Carter seconded the motion; motion passed and minutes approved.

**Sircomm Staff Reports:**

**Jerry:** Problems with Valley Emergency "chirping" are being looked into. There are two possibilities where the problem may be occurring. A new card was put in place this morning to see if that fixes the issue.

**Kristy:** Testing for new hires is taking place this week. After testing concludes, there will be possibly four applicants to move forward to the interview process, if not more. Also, this week is National Telecommunications Week. Kristy thanked those that provided her with thank you letters to disperse amongst the dispatchers.

**John:** There are questions as to where the money for the new repeaters for narrowbanding will come from. In last year's budget, line items entitled "P25 compliant" and "future upgrades," which will be funding the repeaters. The staff has been advised to keep spending limited to allow for radio upgrades.

**Narrowbanding discussion:**

Sheriff McFall and Director Moore engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the process of converting to narrowband. Sheriff McFall had concerns with "mix and matching" old and new equipment. Per Director Moore, the easy way to explain it is the wires will be old, all the equipment will be new. Fire/EMS is a go for narrowbanding compliance; Law is currently working on a 700mhz demo system. Chief Hall suggested the possibility of receiving monthly project updates, so these questions could be answered on a more regular basis. Director Moore said that would be a possibility, with the reports being dispersed simultaneously with meeting agendas.

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**Minutes continued:**

**Vendor letter discussion:**

Director Moore asked for discussion in reference to the letter that was composed to send to EIS addressing concerns regarding the MDTs. Sheriff Carter mentioned that per Mick Turner, the board should hold off on sending a letter until they had a chance to meet with Jay from EIS. Chief Munn advised that Jay would be in Twin Falls the very next day. Director Moore asked Lt. Stotts to assist in setting up a meeting with Jay and the agency department heads the next day. Lt. Stotts agreed to help assist.

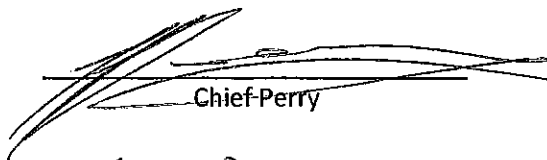
**New Business:**

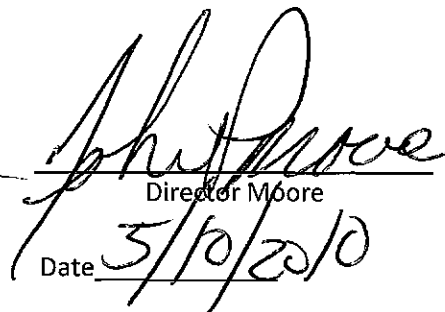
Chief Hall mentioned that he conducted a side-by-side portable test with the demo system and the current system, and there is an obvious delay in transmissions, which is a serious problem. He asked if this was inherent to the system or could the time delay be tweaked. Jerry advised that the current demo is running a patch, it is not a true repeater. There will be a change in the time delay when all components are installed.

Chief Munn informed the committee that they are conducting a bidding process to bring in an outside vendor to evaluate their current communications system and assist in fixing some issues. SIRCOMM Communications Technician Jerry Gonterman will be involved in the process as well, and all information gathered by the Twin Falls Police Department will be shared for all agencies to learn from. Chief Munn also stated he recognizes the importance of a healthy partnership with SIRCOMM and they are working towards being adequately equipped to serve as a backup PSAP for SIRCOMM.

Next meeting to be held at ISP Region office in Jerome on May 10th at 2pm.

Meeting adjourned approximatley 1540 hrs.

  
Chief Perry  
Date 10 May 2010

  
Director Moore  
Date 5/10/2010