

Wisconsin Interoperability Council

Northeast Region SCIP Implementation
Council

By-Laws

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BYLAWS AND GUIDELINES

Northeast Regional SCIP(Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan) Implementation Council (NRSIC)

1. Mission

1.1 Charter Mission Statement

The mission of the Regional SCIP Implementation Councils is to:

- Lead local and regional planning for and implementation of SCIP implementation efforts.
- Assist the Regional SCIP Coordinator in the successful migration to narrow banding of radio communications in the region.
- Conduct at least one meeting of public safety officials and policy-makers in the region to communicate progress in regional SCIP implementation efforts, identify local concerns and potential resolutions, and provide opportunities for great local participation in regional interoperability activities.

1.2 Authority

- A. The State Interoperability Council (IC) is empowered through Wisconsin State Statute 15.107 (18) and is authorized to charter subcommittees of the Council. On January 14, 2010, the State Interoperability Council chartered the Northeast Regional SCIP Implementation Council (NRSIC) as a subcommittee of the council for the purposes stated.

1.3 Duties and Responsibilities

Through OJA grants, the six Regional SCIP Implementation Councils will be provided staff support in the form of a Regional SCIP Implementation Coordinator. This individual will work closely with Council members and represented agencies to ensure that meeting logistics and office support functions are provided. Each Regional SCIP Interoperability Coordinator will further support Regional Councils by performing the following:

- a) Plan regional migration to narrow banding of radio communications
- b) Provide training to local public safety and elected officials on standard operating procedures and the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)

- c) Enter information about local/regional communications system assets into the Communication Assets and Survey Mapping (CASM) tool
- d) Develop county-level Tactical Communications Interoperability Plans (TCIP) using the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) TCIP template for guidance.
- e) Assist, when applicable, with the administration of Radio over IP for “PSAP to PSAP (Public Safety Answering Points)/Badgernet” Project(s).
- f) Assist with local implementation of Wisconsin Interoperable Systems for Communications (WISCOM).
- g) Complete other assignments, consistent with these by-laws, provided by State Interoperability Project Coordinator

1.4 Administrative Agency – Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance

- A. The NRSIC will be assisted by the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) in the keeping and posting of records of meetings. Committees or sub-committees designated by NRSIC will present their meeting records to NRSIC for inclusion in the NRSIC records. Records shall consist of names of those in attendance, a summary of the business conducted, and motions made and votes taken by the NRSIC.
- B. The Regional SCIP Implementation Coordinator will act as the primary point of contact for the NRSIC and will, under the general direction of the NRSIC, exercise day-to-day coordination, supervision, and administration of the operation of the NRSIC.

2. Membership and Appointment

2.1 The NRSIC Shall Consist of:

- Three members from each county will serve on the Regional Council and will be selected from the following county-wide membership groups to ensure that a variety of perspectives are considered: Fire Association, Law Enforcement Association, and EMS Association. Three per county times thirteen counties for a total of thirty nine total.
- If a county has a combined membership group (example: Fire/EMS; Public Safety, etc.), the selection of members to serve on the Regional Council should be made to include 3 individuals that can adequately represent the interests of public safety agencies, including fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, dispatch and/or emergency management.

- If there are no law enforcement associations present in a county, the sheriff shall designate member to serve as law enforcement representative on the regional council.
- It is most desirable that a variety of disciplines participate on the Regional Council to ensure that all perspectives are shared and that information flows between the Regional Council and public safety professionals throughout the county.
- Members of the Regional SCIP Implementation Council will elect a Council Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- A Regional SCIP Implementation Coordinator will assist each Regional Council in implementing the SCIP Plan regionally.
- County assignment to a particular Regional Council will be organized in the same manner as Wisconsin Emergency Management organizes counties into WEM planning regions.
- One county or tribal emergency management director from each region will be elected during a Wisconsin Emergency Management Regional Meeting to serve on the regional council. Election will take place immediately, and thereafter each year in December.

2.2 Terms, Appointments, Attendance and Alternate Representation

- A. All terms shall be for two years. It would be beneficial to have representatives who are involved in interoperable communications. One individual may serve in several capacities (although not to extend an individual's term) but will only have one vote. Appointees are eligible for reappointment. Appointees of the Interoperability Council may also be appointees of this group.
- B. Annual review of attendance:
- If the NRSIC membership determines that an appointee is missing more meetings than they attend, the membership can vote to replace said appointee with an approved alternate from the appointing association.
- If the NRSIC membership determines that an appointee is missing more meetings than they attend, the NRSIC chair shall notify the member's jurisdiction of the attendance record and extend an invitation for the representing jurisdiction for replacement.
- C. Alternate appointee representation

Agency / entity alternate – The primary appointee shall be responsible for designating his / her alternate based on the authority granted to that appointee by their respective agency/entity

Association alternate - The primary appointee shall be responsible for designating his / her alternate based on the authority granted to that appointee by their respective association

3. Officers

3.1 Officer Elections and Appointments

- A. All elections and appointments shall occur at the NRSIC designated Annual Meeting by the NRSIC membership.

3.2 Principal Officers

- A. The NRSIC shall elect a **Chairperson**, who will serve a 2-year term.
- B. The NRSIC shall elect a **Vice-Chair**, who will serve a 2-year term.

3.3 Officer Duties

- A. The Chairperson shall in general:
 - 1. Administer all of the business and affairs of the NRSIC.
 - 2. Have authority, subject to the bylaws, to appoint committees of the NRSIC.
 - 3. Have authority to sign, execute, and / or acknowledge, on behalf of NRSIC reports and other documents or instruments necessary or proper to be executed in the recourse of the NRSIC's regular business, or which shall be authorized by resolutions of the NRSIC.
 - 4. Report to the NRSIC.
 - 5. Set the agenda for meetings
 - 6. Maintain order at all meetings
 - 7. Perform all duties incidental to the office of Chair.
- B. The Vice Chair shall perform such duties as the Chair or the NRSIC may from time to time specify. The Vice Chair shall conduct the meetings and the business of the NRSIC in the absence or vacancy of the Chair.
- C. The NRSIC may create other leadership positions as needed by a majority vote of the appointees at any meeting.

3.4 Resignation or Removal of Appointees and / or Officers

- A. Any NRSIC appointee or officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary. Any appointee or officer may be removed for cause (in the nature of

misconduct, negligence or disregard of duty) by action of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining appointees of the NRSIC. Prior to any action to remove a appointee or officer, a notice to the NRSIC, the Interoperability Council, the respective entity (if applicable), and the affected appointee or officer of the removal process must be made. The affected appointee or officer will be given an opportunity to address the NRSIC prior to any vote. Voting for removal by teleconference or videoconference is acceptable. Alternate appointees may not vote.

3.5 Vacancies

- A. If an unexpected vacancy in any principal office occurs the Chair, or Vice Chair, if filling the Chair's position, may appoint an interim successor until an election can be held. An election will be held at next meeting of the NRSIC to fill the vacancy.

4. Work Groups

4.1 Establishments and Assignments

- A. The NRSIC may establish work groups to assist in performing its duties and responsibilities.
- B. Any work group detailed to coordinate, research, recommend or act upon any matters associated with the NRSIC shall be led by a NRSIC appointee, but may include non-NRSIC appointee subject matter experts appointed by the NRSIC.

A work group is authorized to carry out the assignment as determined by the NRSIC and shall be responsible for reporting back to the NRSIC as a whole.

5. Meetings

5.1 Frequency of Meetings

The NRSIC shall meet no less than three (3) times per calendar year. A regularly scheduled meeting may be cancelled by the Chair. Notification shall be made to all appointees via email / text message once a determination is made.

5.2 Quorum

A quorum shall be the presence of one (1) more than one half (50%) of the appointees currently serving on the NRSIC.

5.3 Votes

See section 5.9.

5.4 Annual Meeting

An annual meeting will be held the first quarter of each calendar year. Elections of officers will take place at this meeting.

5.5 Open Meetings Law and Roberts Rules of Order

Meetings shall be subject to Wisconsin Open Meetings Law and Roberts Rules of Order Revised. In the event of a conflict between these By-laws, Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, and Roberts Rules of Order, Wisconsin state statute takes precedent followed by these By-laws, followed by Roberts Rules of Order. All records are subject to Wisconsin Open Records Law.

5.6 Teleconference/Video Conference Meetings

- A. Meetings via teleconference and / or videoconference shall be allowed (with the exception of the annual meeting).
- B. At least one (1) location must be noticed as a location where appointees of the public may attend.
- C. At least one (1) primary or authorized alternate appointee of the NRSIC must be present at all remote locations on a teleconference and / or videoconference. This section does not apply to informational or stakeholder input teleconference/Video calls.
- D. Appointees that are present at remote locations shall be recorded for the purposes of establishing quorum.

5.7 Meeting Order

- A. Regular meetings of the NRSIC will be conducted with the following agenda items the chair at his or her discretion, may allow to change posted order:
 - 1. Call to order / Roll call
 - 2. Approval of the minutes of prior meeting(s)
 - 3. Public Comment (shall be limited to pre-registered speakers and shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker unless otherwise granted by the Chair)
 - 4. Committee / work group reports
 - 5. Special reports
 - 6. Old business
 - 7. New business
 - 8. Other business (as authorized by law)
 - 9. Next meeting date discussion
 - 10. Motion to adjourn
- B. Additional agenda items shall be submitted to the Secretary, for consideration by the Chair, fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date. If approved by the Chair,

additional items may be allowed up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

- C. NRSIC agendas and minutes shall be posted on OJA's interoperability website as soon as possible following each meeting. Minutes that have not been approved shall be marked as "DRAFT".

5.8 Appointee Alternates

Appointee alternates will be allowed to fully participate in place of a primary appointee in matters before the NRSIC, unless prohibited by the By-Laws. The primary appointee shall notify the Chairperson or his / her designee at least 24 hours before the meeting. Approved alternates shall be recognized at the start of all meetings.

5.9 Voting

- A. Each appointee or alternate present shall have one vote on matters before the NRSIC.
- B. Each NRSIC appointee will be allowed to designate a proxy with 24 hour written notice to the Secretary, in lieu of an alternate or the alternate's vote.
- C. Voting shall be recorded as pass or fail on voice votes. Individual appointee votes shall be recorded on roll call votes.

6. Adoption of By-Laws/Guidelines

6.1 Adoption of the original By-Laws was made at a future meeting of the NRSIC upon a majority roll call vote of those present.

7. Amendment of By-Laws/Guidelines

7.1 Amendment of these By-Laws and guidelines shall be made at any regular or special meeting of the NRSIC upon two-thirds vote of those appointees present.

8. Termination of the Interoperable Communications Standards Group

8.1 The NRSIC may be dissolved at any time upon termination of the Charter by the State Interoperability Council.