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Mark Balistreri: August 2, 2023, SIEC Board, will call the meeting to order. As this meeting is being recorded, and for the benefit of those who have dialed into the meeting, when recognized by the Chair or for any motions or seconds, please start with your name prior to speaking. Please note if you are dialed in, you may not make a motion, second a motion, or vote on a motion. It is highly recommended that this meeting be an in person meeting whenever possible. Guests or persons having relevant knowledge or information may attend and speak as that part of the agenda upon acceptance of the meeting agenda by the Board. All other guests must be recognized by the Chair before addressing the Board or participating in a discussion. So, we'll move ahead and go ahead and do the roll call.

Julie Schwarz: Good morning, everybody. I'm going to do the roll call, if you're here say so, and if there is silence, you will be noted as absent. Mark Balistreri.

Mark Balistreri: Here.

Julie Schwarz: Timothy Morris. Jeff Nuding.

Jeff Nuding: Here.

Julie Schwarz: Sergeant Jeffrey Houck. Bob Terry.

Bob Terry: Here

Julie Schwarz: Todd Murray. Brian Greenberg. Richard Anderson. Brian LaFlure.

Brian LaFlure: Here.

Julie Schwarz: Kimberly Beaty. Michael Volk.

Michael Volk: Good morning, virtual from Valhalla, New York.

Julie Schwarz: Allen Turner.

Allen Turner: Here.

Julie Schwarz: Anthony Tripp.

Anthony Tripp: Here.

Julie Schwarz: Juan Figueroa. Michael Cerretto.

Michael Cerretto: Mike Cerretto is here.

Julie Schwarz: Alright, good morning, everyone, and thank you.

Mark Balistreri: We are just going to check on a quorum. Tim Morris is on I-90 and he'll be here in a minute. Alright, so everybody had an opportunity to look at the previous minutes from the last meeting. I'll entertain a motion to accept the previous minutes.

Bob Terry: I'll make the motion, Bob Terry.

Mark Balistreri: Motion, Bob Terry, seconded? Seconded by Brian LaFlure. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mark Balistreri: Opposed? Carried. Everyone should have received a copy of the draft agenda. I'll entertain a motion to accept the agenda. Motion, Anthony Tripp. Seconded.

Allen Turner: Second.

Mark Balistreri: Allen Turner second. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mark Balistreri: Opposed? Carried. Before we get going into the agenda, I wanted to go through and do some introductions and some personnel changes in our office. I want to welcome our new Associate Administrative Analyst Heather Fura. Heather came from DOT. Great addition to our OIEC team, she is going to help us get organized in teams and other applications and work directly on the C3 and the SIEC Board items. I would also like to welcome our new Program Aide Joshua Colvin. Josh, you're down at the end, also another great addition. He's already jumped in and started working hard on different administrative program areas for us, and welcome to the team to both you guys.

Just to keep everybody updated on other changes, we are interviewing candidates over the next few weeks for the vacant Assistant Director spot, so there will be a lot more to come on that and especially hopefully, will be completed by the next meeting in October. In regard to the SIEC Board membership, we have a couple updates. Brendan Casey from Orange County resigned his SIEC Board seat effective August 1st. It was a senate appointment. We have been working on filling the vacancy core positions. We are following up on the current applications that were submitted, as well as making recommendations for the additional seats that are vacant on this board. So, there is going to be more to come on this in the very near future. We have some committee and working group changes as follows as well. Paul Glasser, Jr. will be chairing our NG911 working group, we would also like to welcome Jason Baum and Steve Carr. Jason, Steve. They've been co-chairing our GIS working group and Matt Delaney will be co-chairing the State Agency Committee with myself and he is also going to be the chair of the Citizen Alerting Committee. As everybody is aware, the last meeting we voted on changes to the by-laws and those were all committees and working groups we have. They have been working hard. They've had some meetings already, and you'll see more during their reports.

So, on that we'll move right into committee reports. We'll start with 911 Advisory, Allen Turner.

Allen Turner: Hello, everybody. As mentioned at previous meetings, we continue to move forward with the 911 standards that remains in process. And the NG911 working group and the GIS working group as Director Balistreri just mentioned, they are under the 911 Advisory Committee. I will let Jason Baum and Steve Carr and Paul Glasser speak further on that.

Mark Balistreri: Thank you very much, Allen. Paul, you're up for the NG911 working group.

Paul Glasser, Jr.: Good morning, everybody. We had our first meeting of the NG workgroup this past Monday on the 31st. The main purpose of the meeting was to reintroduce the committee, go over our mission, our goals, introduce myself since I'm new to the committee and new to the office. We reviewed some of the documents and then we went through our meeting schedule, and then we filled a few positions. Tim Hardy from Washington County has agreed to be the Vice Chair of the group, and I've worked with Tim before on many projects when I was in Rensselaer County, so this is a good fit for me. And that's it, our next meeting is scheduled for September.

Mark Balistreri: Thank you, Paul. Jason and Steve, one or both of you. Steve came up from the city so thank you for making the trip up for this.

Steve Carr: Thanks for having me. GIS subject that I'm an expert for New York City and then NextGen 911 implementation. So, we are very interested in how things are going from the state perspective. I've been with the GIS Workgroup, it's the name change right, New York State GIS Working Group. It used to be a subcommittee for NextGen 911 GIS, been there about 2 years. We have about 40 members. We meet monthly, and the meeting since 2017, just to give you an update on it. Early on, it was a lot around NextGen survey information, getting information back here. More recently, it's GIS and 911 full bore wide open as opposed to NextGen 911, specific. And we're looking forward to growing as NextGen becomes a bigger topic for all our counties. Thank you.

Mark Balistreri: Jason do you want to add anything?

Jason Baum: Yeah, my name is Jason Baum, so the previous co-chair Jerry Engstrom has taken a position in another state entity and I'm assuming his place on the workgroup for New York State ITS. I have 20 years in GIS, including public safety. I understand E911 and NextGen 911. GIS plays a critical role in NextGen 911. At the last meeting, Jerry mentioned GIS PSAP data. So, I do want to show that we do have PSAP boundaries, it's a good starting point, and we are working to get an application so we can share that data with county 911 personnel.

Mark Balistreri: Thank you very much. Just before we move forward, just to add-on to both of these working groups, they are very important for the NG911 project. So, when folks reach out to the counties, it's really important that the information you provide back is accurate, as well as in a timely manner so we can keep moving this project forward. It's a huge project, we all know it's a huge project, with a lot of moving components in it, but we are all working together on it as a team, and we appreciate everybody's support on it. State Agency Communications Committee, Matt Delaney is going to do an update on that.

Matthew Delaney: We continue to meet. We are meeting and basically trying to get a level from every agency of what their communication systems are. So, in each committee meeting, several state agencies have provided presentation overview of their communication systems to the other state agencies, so everyone becomes familiar. We are going to continue that with our next meeting this fall. We have 3 or 4 agencies on the agenda to provide a presentation. And we're looking at just opportunities where agencies can share, asset, share infrastructure, maybe share new initiatives, as they learn about what each agency or authority is trying to do. This is an opportunity to share and taking advantage of some joint projects and initiatives.

Mark Balistreri: Thank you for that. Citizen Alerting Committee.

Matthew Delaney: So, after having not met since 2020, Mark asked me to assume the chair role for the Citizen Alerting Committee, so we held our first meeting July 20th, 2023, virtually. We updated our committee contact list. We have about 45 people on that committee contact list. I will be chairing it. Melissa Nusbaum from State OEM will be our Vice-Chair. Updates were given by OEM, ITS-NY Alert Program and New York State Broadcasters Association. OEM provided an overview on the planning role in our state's warning plans, warning annex. They have the State Watch Center which is state alerting authority. ITS runs a New York Alert Program which many of you are familiar with, used by a number of state agencies for alerts. It's also available to counties for their own needs of mass alerting, and is the state's gateway into IPAWS which is the FEMA system getting to EAS and to the wireless emergency alerts. The New York State Broadcasters Association and their member stations are the participating entities for the Emergency Alarm System or EAS in New York. The State Broadcaster's Association in

conjunction with the State and federal partners maintains the EAS plan for New York and how each station will monitor for alerts, how they will test EAS messages and transmit alerts. So, they are all key players in the Citizen Alerting Committee. We are developing an update of the Committee's mission statement. The original mission statement is from 2016. It's a good start and we are going to try to refine it a little bit to really set our goals on what the CAC is going to do, and then we're going to begin developing actual work products that we're going to work on, advise different things going forward on how we will recommend better methods for alerting, redundancies, and secondary systems. So, our next meeting is scheduled for mid-October.

Another thing I want to talk about is alerting. I mentioned this in the past, the IPAWS, which is the Integrated Public Alerts Warning System from FEMA, this is how states and local entities are able to send a wireless emergency alert, which is alerts to your cell phone that go off. FEMA tracks the status of those IPAWS tests every entity in every state is required to test every month to show proficiency. The tests don't actually go out to the public, you won't see them on your phone, they go into a lab environment, but it shows that your software is working, you have logins, you know how to get into your software and so forth. Failure to test for 3 months in a row can cause a suspension in your alerting capability. FEMA has not been doing that, they have been allowing entities to continue to alert even if they aren't testing every month, however they have now announced that starting September 1st, 2023, they will be enforcing the requirement. Any entity or alerting authority which is states, counties, towns, or cities that have an agreement with FEMA, if you have not tested for 3 months in a row, you will be suspended. Once you are suspended, you will not be able to send a real alert until you get back into compliance by testing again. We also see that there are a number of entities that for many years they've been expired for their agreements with FEMA. FEMA does not prevent you from alerting if you have an expired agreement, but you are unable to renew, there is a digital certificate that has to be in place in your alerting software and that's good for many years, but eventually expires and you can't renew that if you don't have a valid agreement. So, what we found is that many entities, the contacts are no longer with those entities, they retire or moved on. So, we are working with FEMA to help them update their contact list. They now have a portal as well for the entities to be able to go in and do sort of self-maintenance of their accounts. But OIEC and OEM will be doing a joint effort to contact every county and town that is an alerting party in New York actually we say here in risk of suspension, but actually we're going to do every county whether you're valid or not, just to verify that the contact information is your primary or your secondary or technical is all still correct. Questions?

Mark Balistreri: Questions for Matt? Thank you, Matt. Okay, that's it for committees. I'll entertain a motion to accept our committee reports.

Allen Turner: Motion.

Mark Balistreri: Motion by Allen Turner, second by Tim Morris. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mark Balistreri: Opposed? Our program updates, we will start off with Phil McGeough is going to talk about grants.

Phillip McGeough: Good morning, everyone. So, right now we have the 23 PSAP and SICG Formula out and we are currently processing those, those are on the way. We are looking to get the Targeted Grant back in September, that was just released out. The 24 PSAP and SICG Formula we are hoping to have soon, and we've done about over \$800 million in funds to the counties thus far. Nicole, Ryan, do you guys have anything to add for grants?

Nicole: No, I'm good.

Phillip McGeough: They're from our grant unit, so. Moving on.

Mark Balistreri: Yep, right into the COMU program Phil again.

Phillip McGeough: So, our COMU program, we have a few additions going on there. We've added in the CISA/ECD sponsored COML Train the Trainer Course September 11 through the 15th. I will be out at the SPTC. We are also looking to do a couple of regional additional trainings that are in the works right now. They are not definite. One, we're working with Mike Postle to do something down on Long Island for an INTD course and we are looking up in the Adirondack region with Washington, Saratoga, Warren Counties to do a COMT, I believe. So, we're working on dates for those, those are not solidified yet. Once we have things, we will update our calendar and push out a new schedule to everybody. We are looking in the future to go to more of a regional approach, because what we're realizing is that with schedules and things of that nature, that it's difficult to have the availability for staffing, so amongst many of the people that attend our trainings, they work within the 911 centers, the PSAPs, and to get coverage and allow them to be able to come out to the SPTC where we have traditionally done much of our training has proven to be a challenge. So, we are testing the waters with trying to go out and do some regional offerings of courses. That being said, if anyone has any suggestions and/or requests for trainings, please e-mail myself or Julie or our training mailbox let us know, and we will try our best efforts to fulfil that.

We just talked about this with promoting the COMU program. As I said, any ideas that you guys have, of course, offerings what you would like to see, what we could do better for you, please let us know.

These are updated numbers, credentialed personnel throughout the state. Many of these numbers are changing due to retirements, recredentialing of people's credentials. We're still kind of balancing out after the pandemic.

This is how many we've trained thus far. This year, we're still on pace to do 140, and with the additions of those regional offerings, we will probably be over 200 actually, if we can get both of those in, so that will be good.

Mark Balistreri: Any questions for Phil on the COMU? Thank you, Phil. Before we go to the 911 program, I just want to switch back to grants. Nicole, I know the regional workshops are coming up.

Nicole: Yeah, so, we are preparing for our annual regional workshops. And what these events are, it is our annual outreach to our local stakeholders, grant administrators, county officials, emergency managers and first responders. And it is really an opportunity for us to involve all of our DHSES offices within the division to provide their guidance and hands-on opportunities for questions to come through that we can handle from the grants administrative process. We are slated to start our first workshop in Lake George. That is going to be held on September 21st. Our second is going to be in Buffalo, that will be on September 27th, Syracuse will be held on September 28th, then we will be moving down to Long Island on October 11th, then to Rockland County to close it out on October 12th. We can certainly share the invite and the save a date with you Mark and if you could include this community because OIEC does help support these workshops and provides the guidance and answers any questions. We have several breakout sessions that we have, so it can be targeted to specific disciplines and any of your questions. So, it's really a great opportunity for you to meet with other local stakeholders and discuss some best practices, and lessons learned. So, we are looking forward to that, but I will share the save the date, invites are hopefully coming out in the next week or two.

Mark Balistreri: Thank you, Nicole. Alright move on to the 911 program, Paul Glasser.

Paul Glasser, Jr.: Hello, everybody again. So, in addition to the NextGen workgroup, I've been tasked with several other projects to include the statewide 911 plan. So, the office has been working on hiring consultants to assist us. But in the meantime, I've been reviewing a lot of the plans, going to project meetings with the Office and the Director and Matt and others, I've been reviewing these documents. As many of you know Brett left, and when Brett left, he left me an enormous pile of documents and plans that he started and thoughts and just things. So, I have gone through that over the last several months. We're in a good position, I'm pleased to report that we are making progress and moving forward, which is exciting for sure. And one of the things that came out of this, one of Brett's documents was a gap analysis. So, we are meeting with the project team to review the gap analysis and start completing some of those projects so we can get the state plan to move forward, and the Director has made that a priority, therefore it is my priority.

As far as the NextGen project, again, we are working on the same items as I stated before, working on hiring a consultant, we've been working with the project team. We do have project meetings. The internal project team is meeting every week and we're going through the status of where we are on the roadmap and reviewing timelines and others, so there is going to be a lot of exciting news in the next few months, I'm sure.

Mark Balistreri: Just to add onto Paul's report, we talked about a little bit at the C3 meeting last night, and I talked about it with the NG overall project, but we have a lot of data we're going to be looking to collect to make sure we're going in the right direction and making the right decisions. So, it's really important that when we send you whether it be a Survey Monkey or questions or just reach out to you, that you get back to us as quickly as you can and be as accurate as you can with the data. One of the things we found, and it's not a big deal, we're going to figure out where the issue lay, is some of the numbers coming back from the survey and some of the numbers coming back from the grants aren't the same. So, there's got to be a reason for that. So, we're going to figure that out and come up with a plan to move forward and make sure that we have accurate information. So, it's real important that you go back to your counties and see where you get that information from or who else is providing that information and make sure you guys are all providing the same information. So, that's all I had to add on. Are there any questions for any of our program folks? Okay, we'll move onto other updates.

Our Communication Consortium Chair, Mr. Smith.

Dana Smith: Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Director. Last night and at previous meetings, you know, we kind of reorganized the C3 group and the regional chairs from the consortiums as well as bringing in a state rep was Lt. Morris, who is apparently stuck in traffic. Oh, there he is, I didn't see him. He snuck in, good. And then also the 911 Coordinators Association. Believe it or not, we're trying to improve communications, and it's worked out well. It is more organized, but it is a work in progress, everybody participates. Allen is our secretary, Pat wears multiple hats, but we're getting there, I think the meetings are more productive. There is great communication and conversation going on in the meeting. I won't bore you, there is a reporting process that comes back to us and to Julie and to Mark, so all the counties are reporting through their regional chairs. The conversations are excellent, questions are asked, answers, so as chairs we can go back to our consortiums and individual counties and help relay the message, the consistency with data, those different things, so we are all on the same level playing field. And over the past year, Mark is it a year officially or almost?

Mark Balistreri: Almost a year, about 3 weeks shy.

Dana Smith: Mark has been in this leadership position, and as far as the consortium chairs are concerned, and I've been in my role for over 12 years in Dutchess County, the communication between

the office and the individual counties and the regional chairs and the C3 have just been excellent. They seek input, we provide it, there is back and forth conversations. Not everything do we come to 100% agreement but we have really good conversations and Mark and his staff have done a great job in making sure that's taking place so we can put the residents in New York in the best position. We look forward to that relationship continuing.

Mark Balistreri: Thank you, Dana. As I said at the first meeting when I sat here, I inherited a great staff. There has been some changes but great improvements and additions to our team and I wouldn't be able to do any of this without them, so kudos to all OIEC staff. Next report will be SAFECOM, Mr. Kopstein.

Jay Kopstein: Good morning. I am going to go through a number of things and then I'm going to get to an issue that's become a problem. Alright, SAFECOM have had the 911 working group working on cybersecurity resource hub. That's under development and is basically, when I get hit, what do I do? That's under development right now. The P25 working group is doing link layer encryption and a GPS white paper will be released soon.

Something that's come up in the last year, year and a half, extreme weather. We are working on a product that will cover extreme weather impact, and extreme cold impact in communication systems. Hopefully that product will be out within a year. ICAM, by gathering and credentialing an access management, especially has become data sharing and the like, there is a standard and who's going to be the gatekeeper? Right now, we're leaning toward DOJ being the gatekeeper as far as granting access and credentials. _____ functional guidance for ICT is out, available. COMU is going to be changed, more positions are going to be added, more dash books, and bring it up to date. It is now going to be underneath ICT and ITSL and Cybersecurity. Part of the NIMS process though it's a branch, the incident commander can always raise it to a section if it's determined to be necessary. The ARRL now is SAFECOM association. Josh Johnston is their point of contact out of Connecticut. We are forming a SAFECOM and AUXCOMM Working Group, and I know you've showed your AUXCOMM COM class, it's going to get more national attention within SAFECOM, and therefore with its sister and the like. Cybersecurity working group is going to be coming out with a paper on LMR high piece security. As LMR is enhanced and we move more into the IT realm, enhanced security becomes necessary. We are going to be looking at Bands 13 and 14 base station issues. IPAWS user equipment and the like. I know Mark, you're familiar with it. Some issues have come up and Mark is going to be looking at that as well.

CAD to CAD interoperability. What are the standards, looking to create them and who's going to be the gatekeeper as to whether or not a vendor is compliant with the standards? That is something that we're looking at right now. Similar to what we did years ago with P25 in establishing a standard in phase 1 and phase 2, etc.

Something has come up across the country, backing up data. Everybody's got their wacked or attempted to be wacked with data breaches. So, in public safety, what are the best dates, days, and times in the public safety environment to backup and safeguard data? Our cyber group will be coming out with a paper on that as well. Not a mandated thing, it's just certain communities need guidance, other communities done.

Something I brought up before, it's not good news. We have the SAFECOM national survey. You know you've seen it, Mark. It's been extended now till September 29th. The responses have not been good. If the gap analysis can't be done, grant money will be affected, it's that simple. For New York State, local response has been 1.9%. If you include those who started and stopped that's another 3.3%, you've got a maximum as of the 29th of July of 5.2% of all local emergency communications entities having started or completed a response. The state is a little bit better with 13.6% with 1.8 in progress to 15.4%. The

federal agencies within New York State are only at 2.8%, with nothing in progress. Breaking it down by discipline. the ECCs are at 10.8% with another 12% in progress. Reading the PAC in the emergency management with 18.4% with 22% in progress. EMS is 2.8% with 3.3% in progress, for a total possibility as of the 29th of 6.1%. Fire 1.3% have completed with another 2.7% in progress. The most we are looking at right now is a total of 4%. And law enforcement 2.1% have completed with 3.3% in progress for 5.4% in total. Now, the surveys went out by e-mail and snail mail. There was a problem with some of the addresses, we know that with the raw numbers, however there is a generic QR code that you can click on, and it brings you to the survey. I will forward that code to Matt, anybody who needs that code, who haven't gotten the survey and wants to complete it, contact Matt and he will give you the generic code. Every agency that got an invitation got a specific code. So, that's where that problem lies. Nationally, it's not better. The thing is, every 5 years, we have to do a gap analysis for Congress. The grant guidance is based on the needs established in the gap analysis. If we can't provide a good analysis, you may see grant guidance for horse to horse communications or horse to patrol dog communications, something that nobody's looking for. But we need the material to go to Congress with.

And last but not least is Chris Tuttle is not here, CISA Emergency Communications is still undergoing reorganization. Hopefully by December we will be able to put out a new ward chart. For those people who aren't familiar with SAFECOM, SAFECOM is established independently by federal law. We are affiliated with CISA and ECD. They do not control us, they do not control our agenda, they fund us. And the funding is in the budget for Congress. If you have something that you want brought back and you don't want to make it official, tell me about it. Those of you who know me know I'm not a diplomat. I'll say it as it has to be said. The survey we're doing, I'll be perfectly honest, didn't go out the way I wanted it to, I didn't want to, I got out voted to be perfectly honest. I wanted to go out with the carrot and the stick, no participation, no grant money. I couldn't get the people to go along with that. So, that's where we stand. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions either publicly here or privately after the meeting. I do have a spreadsheet of New York State of who has who hasn't and who is in progress, but I will not make that public, I'm not looking to embarrass anybody. So, that's what I have, Director.

Mark Balistreri: Any other questions for him?

Male: How long does a survey take to complete?

Jay Kopstein: About thirty-five minutes.

Male: Do the agencies get any information back from it, is there anything, you talk about the carrot and the stick, is there something that benefits them in the process?

Jay Kopstein: The only thing that benefits the agency is we know after where the gaps are. So, if we don't know that there's a gap, we can't ask for grants to meet that gap. So, it's a gap analysis. Anybody who's ever done grants knows where the guidance comes out, its not different with the state. You've got to feedback what's in the guidance. If you don't feedback what's in the guidance, you're not getting any money. So, if there's a problem, you have a problem with people moving towards encryption, or P25 phase 2, if there's a problem that needs funding, we don't know about the problem, we can't address it in the grid guidance. And I'll bring that up right now. SAFECOM is to grant guidance before it gets published. We look at it, we get the draft, and we modify. CISA and ECD actually publishes all communications grants regardless of which agency is actually doing the funding. More and more they moved over to CISA from DOJ and the like for the funding. Stuff that's critical, I sent to Mark. I can't inundate him with e-mails, so occasionally, I shoot him an e-mail that I think it is important. But the survey is important. If you're looking for grant money and you've got a problem, let us know about it.

Male: Five years ago, when it was done, its done every 5 years right? What was compliance like 5 years ago?

Jay Kopstein: A little bit better.

Male: Similar to what we're seeing now?

Jay Kopstein: A little bit better. Grant money is getting tighter. So, the gap analysis is going to become more important.

Mark Balistreri: The Chair recognized Nicole Erickson from our grants program.

Nicole Erickson: Hi Jay, I just wanted to kind of follow up and just give you a perspective. So DHSES, our Grants Unit is the state administrative agency for Homeland Security Grant Program Funds. So, that's our state's Homeland Security funding as well as our urban area security initiative. So many of the counties do receive an allocation, that allocation amount and I will echo your sentiment in terms of what those gap analysis does not only from the grant writing perspective, but also the roll up of how we get funding every year. So, within the last four funding cycles, SHSP the State Homeland Security Grant Program funds, we've received a reduction of \$9 million total. UASI Funding the Urban Area Security Initiative so that city agency, New York City along with all of the five respective regional partners, received a total of \$5 million in reduction. So, you see DHS is taking a look at all the data points that are being submitted through different reporting agencies, reporting venues, and SAFECOM is certainly one of those for consideration. They are using that data to drive our allocation amount. So, it's really important and we tell all of our grantees that when those surveys come out, and when those data calls come out, to complete that survey because it's important, those components make up how New York State receives their allocation amounts every year in the federal guidance.

Jay Kopstein: One other thing, you're asking about _____ surveys. In one aspect, this survey is different than every other survey that's ever been done for communications. There were four separate surveys that have gone out depending upon your level of government. It was a local survey. Local surveys are counties and below, and low authorities. State survey, state agencies and state authorities like the Bridge Authority or the MTA, etc. Then you had a federal survey the federal agencies, and a tribal survey. So, the data will be able to be analyzed based on level of government as well, and we've never been able to do that before.

Mark Balistreri: Okay, any other questions for Jay? Alright, so Jay, send us the link again, we'll send it out again, we did send it out and I know the 911 coordinators sent it out to their group as well for that, I remember seeing that. And I know my local fire department got it in the mail. So, its out there, but we'll try and do a better job, now you've expressed the reasoning behind it and the concerns, and we can all bring it back to our folks and say, let's get this up.

Jay Kopstein: Director, if the people don't have, the agencies don't have the e-mail, don't have the code anymore, Matt will have the generic code shortly.

Mark Balistreri: Okay, sounds good. And we will reiterate the importance of getting it done, and it doesn't take thirty minutes, it's a little over an hour. So, don't get frustrated, just do it.

Jay Kopstein: I can't help slow readers. The people that do the testing for this, _____ Center Engineering people said thirty-five minutes. The OMB people the Paperwork Reduction Act people said thirty-five minutes.

Mark Balistreri: Okay.

Jay Kopstein: But you did it.

Mark Balistreri: Yeah, it was a little over. I mean because we're a multifaceted agency, so we had a lot of the individual questions, it took us about an hour and twenty minutes.

Jay Kopstein: Let me ask you a question. Ah hour and twenty minutes, did it impact your lunch?

Mark Balistreri: No. It was important enough; I would have impacted my lunch. Alright, any other questions? Okay, we'll move onto old business. Is there any old business, anybody? I'll entertain a motion to accept old business.

Brian LaFlure: So moved.

Mark Balistreri: Motion with Brian LaFlure, seconded.

Bob Terry: Bob Terry.

Mark Balistreri: By Bob Terry, all in favor?

All: Aye.

Mark Balistreri: Opposed? Carried. New Business, any new business? I have one thing under new, if anyone has any presentations that they'd like to see, we've been doing this with the State Agency working group, or State Agency Communications Committee, name change, and it's working out really well. It's opening up some good conversations. There are some good, shared services now being looked at between the counties and the state agency as well. So, if anybody has any presenters, they would like to see at our next SIEC Board Meeting, please filter that to me and I'll see if we can arrange that. I know Cyber is a big topic. That might be something that would be interesting, but there's probably some other things out there that you folks might be interested, so let us know and we'll see if we can make those arrangements. Anybody have anything else under new? Okay, I'll entertain a motion to accept new. Motion Mr. Tripp. Second, Mr. Greenberg. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mark Balistreri: Opposed? Carried. Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 25th here, does anybody have anything further for the good of the order? Everybody having a good summer? Yes, okay. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion by Lt. Morris, seconded by Bob Terry. All in favor?

All: Aye.

Mark Balistreri: Opposed? Carried. Thank you, everybody.