



Regional Wireless Cooperative

**Board of Directors**

**Agenda**

**May 23, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

	ITEM	PRESENTER
1)	<b>Call to Order, Roll Call, Opening Comments</b>	Chair Paul Luizzi
2)	<b>Call to the Public</b> A member of the public may request to address the Board by submitting a blue card that is available at the entry of the room. Speakers will be considered at the sole discretion of the Board Chairman and will be allotted no more than three (3) minutes to speak.	Chair Paul Luizzi
3)	<b>Approval of RWC Board Meeting Minutes from the February 28, 2019 Meeting</b> <b>This item is for information discussion, and action.</b>	Chair Paul Luizzi  Est. 2 min.
4)	<b>Conditional Participant Request from the Harquahala Fire District</b> The purpose of this item is for the Board to consider the Conditional Participant Request from the Harquahala Fire District for access to the Conventional Network. <b>This item is for information, discussion, and action.</b>	John Imig RWC Executive Director  Est. 10 min.
5)	<b>Conditional Participant Request from the Buckeye Valley Fire District</b> The purpose of this item is for the Board to consider the Conditional Participant Request from the Buckeye Valley Fire District for access to the Conventional Network. <b>This item is for information, discussion, and action.</b>	John Imig RWC Executive Director  Est. 10 min.



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6)	<p><b>Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee</b> The purpose of this item is for the Board to consider a resolution in support of the creation of a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee. <b>This item is for information, discussion, and action.</b></p>	<p>John Imig RWC Executive Director</p> <p>Est. 10 min.</p>
7)	<p><b>Executive Director's Report</b> A. Outreach meetings B. RWC staff changes C. Centralized RWC contact information <b>This item is for information and discussion.</b></p>	<p>John Imig RWC Executive Director</p> <p>Est. 5 min.</p>
8)	<p><b>Announcements, Public Comment, Future Agenda Items</b> The purpose of this item is to communicate any Board announcements, additional public comment, or future agenda items. <b>This item is for information only.</b></p>	<p>Chair Paul Luizzi</p>
9)	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Chair Paul Luizzi</p>



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**Remaining 2019 RWC Board of Directors Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Thursday, August 22</b> <b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) 302 North 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor Phoenix, AZ 85003 Saguaro Room
<b>Thursday, November 21</b> <b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) 302 North 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor Phoenix, AZ 85003 Ironwood Room



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	May 23, 2019
FROM:	David Clarke, RWC Administrative Aide	Item 4	
SUBJECT:	<b>Conditional Participant Request from Harquahala Fire District</b>		

### BACKGROUND

The Harquahala Fire District (HFD) is currently a member of the Phoenix Fire Regional CAD Consortium and for this purpose uses the Phoenix Fire Conventional VHF Radio Network, which will soon come under the management of the RWC. However, HFD is not a member of the RWC and does not currently share in RWC expenses.

### ISSUE

To operate on the RWC Network in a capacity that allows HFD to be appropriately billed for their use of RWC resources while not being an RWC Member, RWC Governance allows for agencies such as HFD to become Conditional Participants. Conditional Participants are billed the monthly subscriber unit rate for radios they operate on the RWC Network, but they do not have equity in the RWC or representation on the Board of Directors.

### RECOMMENDATION

The RWC Conventional Working Group, Operations Working Group, and Executive Committee have reviewed the application from HFD and recommend Board approval of HFD as a Conditional Participant on the RWC Network.

This agenda item is for information, discussion, and possible action.



David Clarke  
Administrative Aide  
Regional Wireless Cooperative  
200 W. Washington St., 7th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003  
602.495.5761 office  
602.534.1799 fax

I would like to formally request Conditional Participant status for the Harquahala Fire District on the Regional Wireless Cooperative Network in order to continue working with the Phoenix Fire Regional CAD Consortium.

The primary point of contact for administrative issues and radio related issues will be will be Captain Troy Shepherd. Contact info:

Troy Shepherd  
[Tshepherd@hfdaz.org](mailto:Tshepherd@hfdaz.org)  
602 319-4271

Sincerely,

Jeffrey McMenemy  
51501 W. Tonto Street  
Tonopah, Arizona, 85354

  
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Signature, Jeffrey McMenemy – Fire Chief

5/1/2019

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Date



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	May 23, 2019
FROM:	David Clarke, RWC Administrative Aide	Item 5	
SUBJECT:	<b>Conditional Participant Request from Buckeye Valley Fire District</b>		

### BACKGROUND

The Buckeye Valley District (BVFD) is currently a member of the Phoenix Fire Regional CAD Consortium and for this purpose uses the Phoenix Fire Conventional VHF Radio Network, which will soon come under the management of the RWC. However, BVFD is not a member of the RWC and does not currently share in RWC expenses.

### ISSUE

To operate on the RWC Network in a capacity that allows BVFD to be appropriately billed for their use of RWC resources while not being an RWC Member, RWC Governance allows for agencies such as BVFD to become Conditional Participants. Conditional Participants are billed the monthly subscriber unit rate for radios they operate on the RWC Network, but they do not have equity in the RWC or representation on the Board of Directors.

### RECOMMENDATION

The RWC Conventional Working Group, Operations Working Group, and Executive Committee have reviewed the application from BVFD and recommend Board approval of BVFD as a Conditional Participant on the RWC Network.

Note: The attached request letter is pending approval from the BVFD Fire Board at their scheduled monthly meeting on May 28, 2019.

This agenda item is for information, discussion, and possible action.



## Buckeye Valley Fire District

25206 W. US Hwy 85, Buckeye, AZ 85326

Phone: (623) 386-5906

Fax: (800) 409-0225

Deron Miller – Chairman, Roger Wallace – Clerk,

Daniel Richardson – Member, Mike Rose – Member, Melanie Hardy – Member

**Mike Duran – Fire Chief**

May 15, 2019

John W. Imig  
Executive Director  
Regional Wireless Cooperative

Mr. Imig,

This letter is a formal request for the Buckeye Valley Fire District to seek approval for conditional membership within the Regional Wireless Cooperative pending approval from the Buckeye Valley Fire District Fire Board at its scheduled May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 monthly meeting.

If approval is granted by all governing agencies, the liaison representative for Buckeye Valley Fire will be Battalion Chief - Don Wiley.

If you require further information, please advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Duran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mike Duran  
Fire Chief



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	May 23, 2019
FROM:	John Imig, RWC Executive Director		Item 6
SUBJECT:	<b>Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee</b>		

### BACKGROUND

Prior to 2014 the State of Arizona had a Statewide Interoperability Executive Council (SIEC), a Public Safety Communications Commission (“PSCC”) and a fulltime Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (“SWIC”). These commissions and individuals were responsible for ensuring statewide interoperable communications and coordination. The PSCC and SIEC were created to \*help engage and foster local participation integral to Arizona’s strategic planning efforts in support of interoperable communications. The short and long-term goals of the PSCC and SIEC defined actionable strategies required to implement the vision of interoperability that public safety and service agencies/organizations need in order to protect and serve the citizens of Arizona. In 2014 the State of Arizona “sunsetted” the PSCC and eliminated the SWIC position. Since that time there has been no Statewide coordination of interoperable communications, instead relying on individual entities or regional systems, such as the RWC.

### ISSUE

There is currently a lack of coordination on a statewide level, and no fulltime, permanent Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. This position instead is being provided on a part time basis by a member of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

### RECOMMENDATION

The RWC Conventional Working Group, Operations Working Group, and Executive Committee have reviewed and recommend Board approval of the resolution of support for the Governor to create a renewed Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee and fund a fulltime Statewide Interoperability Coordinator.

This agenda item is for information, discussion, and possible action.

\*quoted from the Arizona Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan





## **Board of Directors Resolution of Support**

**Date May 23, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, interoperable communications across and amongst disparate Arizona public safety entities is essential for the protection and preservation of life

**WHEREAS**, in the past and currently, State, County, Municipal and Tribal entities within the State of Arizona have set a strong example for interoperable communications

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona at one time had a dedicated body responsible for the overall coordination of interoperable communications through the existence of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Commission

**WHEREAS**, the PSIC was disbanded in 2014 and funding lost for the commission

**WHEREAS**, members of the Regional Wireless Cooperative are willing and able to identify, implement and methodically increase interoperable communications through a planning and implementation process that will cultivate and sustain a strong and trusting state-local partnership, and

**WHEREAS**, reimplementing a statewide interoperability committee and funding of a fulltime statewide interoperability coordinator is fully in the best interest of every Arizona citizen and government that desires to maximize interoperable communications and enhance the quality of life in their community where possible

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Regional Wireless Cooperative recommends that the Governor establish a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and fund a fulltime Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), thus reimplementing a system that will enhance interoperable communications across Arizona, by:

1. Allowing State, County, Municipal and Tribal entities to take necessary and appropriate actions to enhance communications, thereby increasing the health, safety and general welfare of the public; and
2. Creating a measured, outcomes-based process whereby public sector entities can work together to ensure continued and enhanced cooperation and communications across public safety and public sector entities throughout the State.

**This resolution was adopted on May 23, 2019**



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

TO:	Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Board Members	Agenda Date:	May 23, 2019
FROM:	John Imig, RWC Executive Director		Item 7
SUBJECT:	<b>Executive Director's Report</b>		

### BACKGROUND

The Executive Director will brief the Board of Directors on the following items:

- 1) Outreach meetings
- 2) RWC staff changes
- 3) Centralized RWC contact information

In addition to "phoenix.gov" email addresses, RWC Staff members now have "rwcaz.org" email addresses.

John Imig, RWC Executive Director; [jimig@rwcaz.org](mailto:jimig@rwcaz.org)

Almira Santos, RWC Accountant III; [asantos@rwcaz.org](mailto:asantos@rwcaz.org)

David Clarke, RWC Administrative Aide; [dclarke@rwcaz.org](mailto:dclarke@rwcaz.org)

There is also general purpose RWC email address and phone number;

[team@rwcaz.org](mailto:team@rwcaz.org)

602-495-5765

This information has been added to the RWC website, [www.rwcaz.org](http://www.rwcaz.org)

### RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information and discussion.