

**INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK OF THE SOUTH BAY JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Operations Committee of the Interoperability Network of the South Bay (INSB) Joint Powers Authority convened at 09:30 AM on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, in the City of Hawthorne – Police Department Community Room, 12501 Hawthorne Blvd, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

**2. ROLL CALL BY CHAIR**

Present: Lt. Landon Phillips, Hermosa Beach PD  
Ofc. Matt Slawson, Torrance PD  
Lt. Vincente Osorio, Gardena PD  
Sgt. Chris Wiley, Hawthorne PD  
Hugo Perez, El Segundo PD  
Sgt. Justin Korte, Redondo Beach PD  
BC Scott Martinez, El Segundo FD  
Capt. Ryan Allee, El Segundo FD  
Lt. Andy Harrod, Manhattan Beach PD  
CSO Mike Sweeney, Manhattan Beach PD  
Chief Issac Yang, Redondo Beach FD

Also Present: Jerry Edwards, City of Torrance  
Ernest Gallo, City of Torrance  
Dennis Faro, City of Torrance  
John Krok, SBRPCA  
Shannon Kauffman, SBRPCA  
Victor Bowers, CommLine  
Justin Diedolf, LA Air Force Base  
Deandre Sparks, LA Air Force Base  
Thomas Luce

**3. REPORT OF THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Sgt. Wiley confirmed the proper posting of the agenda at the City of Hawthorne and City of Torrance.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Manhattan Beach resident Thomas Luce requested INSB PD agencies remain operating in the clear and not to encrypt communications for the scanner enthusiasts

## 5. REPORTS

### A. Technical Committee Update

Victor Bowers from CommLine updated the group on the encryption issue that 6 of the 7 INSB PD agencies have been experiencing. The issue has been that PD agencies using the Avtec consoles are experiencing dropped encryption during transmissions when dispatch is speaking on the consoles. The issue has been identified as the ISGW and the encrypted audio getting through the consoles to the Motorola core. The issue is not being experienced using the Motorola consoles. Seems to be related to the Avtec console integrating with the Motorola core.

Bowers relayed that multiple teams within CommLine, Motorola, and Avtec are working on the issue and trying to find resolution as quickly as possible.

As a work-around for the time being, the following agencies have switched off their primary encrypted talkgroups and are using the following:

El Segundo PD:	INSB Law 2
Hermosa Beach PD:	INSB Law 3/4 (certain days)
Manhattan Beach PD:	INSB Law 4
Gardena PD:	INSB Law 1

Redondo Beach PD has not yet switched over. Redondo is waiting for additional radios and programming. Should be ready to switch over and go live the following week. Once switched over, RBPD may use INSB Law 6 until the encryption issue is resolved. Torrance PD is utilizing the TOR PD 1 talkgroup. Hawthorne PD has elected to remain on their encrypted talkgroup (HAW PD 1) and work through the encryption issue until a resolution has been found.

## 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes from the October meeting approved.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Redondo Beach PD has not yet switched over. Redondo is waiting for additional radios and programming. Should be ready to switch over and go live the following week. Once switched over, RBPD may use INSB Law 6 until the encryption issue is resolved.
- B. The meeting between CommLine and Manhattan Beach PD to inspect the radios on-board the South Bay Command Vehicle was rescheduled for a later date. During this meeting it will be determined how many radios and what type will be required for the command vehicle to be fully capable to communicate on INSB. This will be a cost/discussion for the Area G police chiefs.

C. Manhattan Beach FD is currently coordinating with LA City and LA County Fire related to interoperability, programming, and training. LA City Fire will be conducting agency-wide radio re-programming in April 2020.

D. Post Go-Live updated from agencies:

- a. El Segundo PD – encryption issues (garbled audio). After switched to INSB Law unencrypted channel, everything worked very well.
- b. Gardena PD - encryption issues (garbled audio). After switched to INSB Law unencrypted channel, everything worked very well.
- c. Hawthorne PD has an incident where an airship attempted to assist them on a call. However there were communication issues – neither agency was aware of the correct access/tac channel to communicate on since the airship does not yet have the new INSB trunked talkgroups.
- d. Manhattan Beach PD - encryption issues (garbled audio). After switched to INSB Law unencrypted channel, everything worked very well. They are experiencing great coverage on the new system, now have coverage in areas they did not before and they do have coverage in their jail on the new talkgroups currently.
- e. Hermosa PD experienced dead-spot inside certain locations at the Pier, such as inside Sharkeez. Going to conduct further testing.
- f. Torrance and other agencies experiencing fluctuation in volumes. Possibly attributed to AGC settings. Will be further researched.

## **8. STAFF COMMENTS**

Los Angeles Air Force Base representatives attended the meeting. They submitted a letter for affiliate request. Will be calendared for the upcoming Governance Board meeting for approval.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:44 AM.