

**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, December 3, 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
Lt. Vincente Osorio, Gardena PD
Sgt. Justin Korte, Redondo Beach PD
BC Shawn Bonfield, El Segundo FD
Engineer James Craig, Manhattan Beach Fire Department
CSO Mike Sweeney, Manhattan Beach PD

Also Present: Ernest Gallo, City of Torrance
John Krok, SBRPCA
Thomas Luce

3. REPORT OF THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was not posted. The regular meeting was held as an informal discussion.

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

Mr. Gallo provided an update from the Technical Committee regarding the ongoing discussions of the Manhattan Beach water tower project. The Technical Committee is still considering various options of what to do with the radio equipment which is currently on the water tower. The City of Manhattan Beach has meetings scheduled on December 9th and December 11th regarding the bids for the water tower project. When the City of Manhattan Beach knows more about the project, the Technical Committee will be able to make a more informed recommendation.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes from the November meeting will be reviewed at the January meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Agency Check-in - All Fire and Police agencies reported no major issues with the digital radio system.

B. Operations Committee tasks

- Clarify mutual aid patching procedures (Airship) – Manhattan Beach reported a small issue when requesting an airship for support and not being able to communicate. Sgt. Korte reported that all LASD airships have updated their communications plans and now have the INSB talk groups. According to LAPD, they have added the INSB talk groups to about fifty percent of their airship fleet and continue to update the remaining fleet. Mr. Krok reported that any other mutual aid resources could use the TAC-9 legacy channel to be patched into any INSB agency who needs air support.
- Continue exploring BDA needs at public buildings – Lt. Phillips presented a draft spreadsheet of private property locations where a BDA may be needed. The list included three hospitals in the City of Torrance and indicated which agency would take the lead to work with the property owners. The group discussed that they could add additional locations or make modifications as needed.
- Explore question from Governance Board regarding agencies reserving unshared channels – The group discussed the question of agencies having a talk group which is not shared with other agencies, including other INSB agencies, for covert operations. Mr. Gallo indicated that there may be a need to have a separate encryption key and that the system has a very limited number of available encryption keys. The group discussed that each agency could create a unique talk group which would only be programmed into select radios. If another agency did not have that specific talk group programmed into their radio, they would not be able to find it by scanning. The group will continue to explore these options and report back to the Governance Board.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Gallo reported that the City of Carson expressed interest in joining the INSB. The City of Carson was told that INSB is primarily a public safety communications system and because they contract with LA County for fire and police services that should consider joining ICI. The City of Carson may be interested in joining INSB for other municipal services.
- Mr. Gallo provided an update about the potential elimination of the T-band and that the FCC would be obligated to comply with any legal requirements if the T-band is eliminated. There is legislation going to Congress to keep the T-band for public safety. Elected officials are encouraged to support the legislation to keep the T-band.
- Engineer Craig discussed the need to add the Coast Guard as an affiliate for mutual aid purposes. Mr. Gallo had previous discussions with the Coast Guard about the same, but those contacts are no longer available. The group will contact the Coast Guard to continue this discussion.
- Engineer Craig inquired about adding non public safety groups to INSB. The City of Gardena Public Works Department has been using the INSB system successfully as a low priority group.

Currently, all Fire and Police agencies use approximately fifty percent of the system capacity. The system can add additional low priority groups without overloading the system. In the event of a heavy load on the system, public safety agencies would be able to transmit and receive radio traffic over low priority groups.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM.