



Fire Chiefs' Association of BC

PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND WORKING GROUP ANNUAL REPORT May 2019

Ian Lightbody from Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is the BC representative on a national level effort led by the federal government - PSC (Public Safety Canada) - to roll out a PSBN (Public Safety Broadband Network). The intent of PSBN is to have a wireless broadband network for public safety users.

As part of the development, Ian was reaching out to organizations in BC that may potentially use PSBN for input on its future form and function.

The objective is to engage the fire community as well as police and BCEHS. The main secondary audience would be local emergency management officials who fire departments are often closely related.

In addition to EMBC is preparing an on-line survey of potential PSBN end-user organizations. The intent is to gather input on what wireless data they do use now and what would be important to end-user organizations in a future PSBN.

In early 2019, Emergency Management BC (EMBC) of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the Ministry of Citizens' Services posted a request for information on BC Bid for the purpose of requesting information from Respondents on the structure of Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) governance, service delivery and the value of Band 14 spectrum allocated by Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada. The results of this RFI have not been provided to date.

In March of 2019 the CAFC circulated a request for feedback titled: An Update on the Public Safety Broadband Network and a Request for Feedback

The document provided was intended to be an interactive document. Its purpose to provide CAFC members with an update on how the federal government is building out the Public Safety Broadband Network (through an organization called Temporary National Coordinating Office (TNCO), in which CAFC is involved and inviting CAFC member feedback on a number of key related issues.

The responses collected will be used to ensure that CAFC's representatives, the Interoperability Committee, and staff have a clear understanding of member views, needs and wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

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