



TO: TRWC and RWC Board of Directors
FROM: John Kross, TRWC Chairman of the Board
Charles W. Meyer, RWC Chairman of the Board
SUBJECT: TRWC and RWC Joint Meeting Results
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Recently the Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Executive Directors of the RWC and TRWC Cooperatives met to discuss the ongoing relationship between the groups, with the goal of establishing a cohesive direction that supports Public Safety operations throughout the region. Central to our discussions was the importance of working together to provide roaming capabilities across the networks, high efficiency and reliability for our users, economical communications, and support of unique needs at a sub-region level. It is our common vision that we keep the radio services compatible, functional, and interoperable for all our members.

In discussing these goals, we exchanged ideas and options that would facilitate ongoing cohesiveness – ranging from operating as one system under single governance to moving toward a systems-of-systems, the linking of our systems together to support enhanced interoperability and shared coverage while maintaining operational and managerial independence.

We elected to investigate the system-of-systems course so that we could ultimately couple together the RWC and TRWC and in the future other agencies, in a way that supports regional operational needs, while determining how we work in concert with the systems as they are today. This coupling ultimately may be done at several levels, including joint participation in governance, technical, and operational aspects. Through a concerted effort, we are committed to work together to establish a regional approach to radio communications that extends beyond the RWC and TRWC to address collaborative needs in the larger region. To this end we have identified the following actions to be jointly delivered:

- Develop a solution for ongoing operational roaming across the region
- Develop a common regional, system-of-systems governance model
- Implement a Joint Operational Users Working Group
- Share capital improvement and roadmap plans to ensure ongoing compatibility of the systems
- Continue the regular participation with each other's Boards, with potential ex officio status
- Continuation of regular face to face working sessions between the Executive Directors
- Continued regular meetings of the RWC and TRWC Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Executive Directors

As Chairs of our respective Boards, we will continue to keep you informed on progress and lead an active and participative dialog on this important topic. At each of the upcoming RWC and TRWC Board meetings, we will further review the above direction and gather your feedback.

Sincerely,

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Chairman of the Board
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