Summary of the Thirty-Third Meeting

Special Committee 224

Airport Security Access Control Systems

The thirty-third meeting of SC-224 was held June 25, 2015 at RTCA, 1150 18th Street, N.W., Suite 910, Washington, D.C. 20036 and was attended in person and/or via telecom/WebEx*. Attendees included:

Christer Wilkinson* (Co-Chair) AECOM System Solutions
Art Kosatka (Secretary) TranSecure
Jonathan Branker CGH Technologies, Inc.
Charles Chambers National Safe Skies Alliance
Kristina Dores* ICAO
Mike Duffy Transportation Security Administration
Ed Ebright Federal Aviation Administration
Pat Finnegan* Hirsch Electronics
Joe Hebert Federal Aviation Administration
Ann Marie Jenkins Transportation Security Administration
Jim Klipp Transportation Security Administration
Shawna Larson* City of Phoenix Aviation Department
Harold Moses RTCA, Inc.
Jeanne Olivier* Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Mike Pilgrim International Security Concepts
Rick Pratt Xtec, Inc.
Steve Rogers* Intellisoft, Inc.
Lars Suneborn* Smart card Alliance
Jenny Stack* Federal Aviation Administration
Don Zoufal* System Development Integration

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In accordance with the Federal Aviation Advisory Committee Act, Ed Ebright, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), was the Designated Federal Officer for this meeting.
1. **Introductions etc.**

Messrs. Wilkinson, Ebright and Moses provide official committee announcements and administrative guidance including the RTCA proprietary references.

2. **Previous Meeting Summary**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without change.

3. **TSA Report**

Mr. Duffy provided TSA report and will be presented to the RTCA Program Management Committee (PMC) as the SC-224 Co-chair until such time as TSA replacement can be recruited. Discussion regarding DO-230-G; it was suggested it should look at exit lanes – TSA has a framework in its “tool box” (which is SSI) to aid in assessing and buying technology. To address it, group leader(s) will require access to understand what is available. He states that there is no change anticipated in TSA’s stance that exit lanes not at checkpoints are an access control issue, with airports remaining responsible.

Mr. Duffy noted that GAO is looking at perimeter issues; they were “awed” by recent telephone interviews with several SC-224 members who discussed the entire range of DO 230, as well as some of the broader concepts of airport security which are all inter-dependent.

Mr. Duffy discussed the recent ASAC report and 28 recommendations re recent breaches and other issues, one of which was to consider biometrics – a principal SC-224 issue.

RTCA has provided the TSA with hard copies of newest DO 230 E for distribution to TSA leadership.

4. **PMC Report**

Mr. Branker reported on recent PMC meeting at which DO-230E was reviewed and approved in record time. The SC-224 TOR went unchanged. For DO-230 version F, SC-224 will modify the credentials Section only, along with any necessary adjustments to other Sections so that F is delivered as a complete and current document. Checklists will not yet be provided, although 224 will begin to determine their format and scope for version G.
5. **Safe Skies Report**

Mr. Chambers offered a National Safe Skies Alliance report highlighting that approximately 140 documents distributed free so far; he is meeting with RTCA to discuss a similar future proposal to make the document free to all. It was suggested there be as much tracking as possible, so that users can more easily be directly notified of future versions as they occur. Additional discussion followed about the significant number of parallel efforts underway to produce overlapping documents: 3 or 4 PARAS documents, TSA Guidelines, RTCA, ACC committee, and possibly other modes of transportation.

Suggestion was made to try to coordinate certain elements so that, for example, if 5 contractual efforts are all addressing cybersecurity, there should be a concerted effort to coordinate them so all are not spending the duplicate hours and resources chasing the same information, which would still require yet more resources to share and modulate any differences among them. It is recognized that the differences in each groups’ start dates and production schedules could potentially introduce slight time delays, lags in deadlines and PMC dates. Mr. Chambers volunteered to coordinate this issue.

6. **Discussion of Contents of DO-230G**

Ms. Olivier and Mr. Wilkinson discussed perimeter issues, the cost and efficacy of finding and using technologies implemented by other airports. NSSA has several reference documents available for review regarding exit lanes, perimeter, and other technologies. It was agreed to add a short section to Mr. Suneborn’s Chapter 4 in Version G, referencing TSA and other resources.

Brief discussion of operational checklists to appear in G – noted that checklists, emulating those used in the TSA Guidelines, are not new information, but simply evolve as bulleted summaries from the content of each chapter. They are mechanically troublesome to create, but have proven to be a popular feature, and provide a good outline of subject material for users to follow.

7. **DO-230F - Credentialing Section**

Ms. Dores provided a brief overview of status of comments on credentialing section of document to date; problems with references, format, some content issues, technical, vocabulary, grammar and syntax. She has not yet fully completed a matrix of all comments received to date, which already exceed 300.

Ms. Dores agreed to a head steering group to review the entire section after the numerous comments are resolved; which should be available within the next two weeks.

Ms. Larson provided a summary review of the working group’s credentials chapter, working from previous comments and recommendation (but not including final round of comments on
their latest version, which arrived within the last 5-7 days.) The chairman thanked her for her efforts, noting that she had previously indicated that she would not be available after June 2015 to serve on the committee.

Mr. Duffy stated he was “uncomfortable” with the level of detail in credentialing, which he characterized as “a roadmap on how to make a badge”. Discussion ensued regarding whether anything in the chapter (or the full document) approached SSI; some members stated these are simply a restatement of public information and regulations, and have been published several times.

The Chair notes that this remains a draft, not likely to be published as seen here today; it is subject to all the remaining comments not yet considered, which can include additional review by Mr. Duffy.

There was more discussion on sensitive data, and the need to provide a balance between too much information and too little, noting that authors and chapter leads will require access to certain SSI – not to publish, but to fully understand what must be explained and what must be avoided.

Mr. Duffy commits to having a TSA staff member available for such discussions; Mr. Wilkinson will provide both Versions C, D and E (published his week) for Duffy review, due back in 2 weeks, so that all comments can be resolved before the next plenary, protecting the next PMC date for version F.

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting scheduled for August 6th, 2015.

9. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the Chair thanked all members present for their contributions towards 230F. The meet was adjourned

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Art Kosatka
Secretary

CERTIFIED as a true and accurate summary of the meeting.

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Christer Wilkinson
Co-Chairman