



Communications Board

Fire and Emergency Medical Services
Monroe County, New York

Maggie Brooks
County Executive

Tim Warth
Chairman

MONROE COUNTY FIRE/EMS COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING: JANUARY 17, 2013

ATTENDANCE: B. Bartolick, J. Coates, S. DeRosa, M. Dobertin, M. Jarett, T. Link, J. Merklinger, L. Ruiz, D. Sansone, A. Sienkiewicz, J. VanHoesen, L. Vaughan, R. Verdouw, T. Warth (C), A. Yanda, R. Zwaga

EXCUSED: T. Czapranski,

GUESTS: J. Dabbs

The meeting was called to order by T. Warth at 5:00 PM.

A quorum of voting members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Larry Vaughan made a motion to include a 1 page dedication to the West Webster Firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty, motion seconded by Rick Zwaga. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Tom Link made a motion to maintain the current Chairmanship Tim Warth and Vice Chairmanship Steve Leuchtner, seconded by Rick Zwaga. All in favor, motion approved.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORT - T. Warth

- Welcomed Adam Yanda and Matt Jarett representing the 5th battalion (Fire & EMS) to the meeting.
- Steve Leuchtner's mother passed away. A card was signed and mailed.

EXISTING SYSTEM STATUS/NARROWBAND – T. Warth

IN MEMORY OF
MICHAEL CHIAPPERINI
#197



TOMASZ KACZOWKA
#435

FUTURE TRUNKING SYSTEM COMMITTEES – T. Warth

- Trunking Sub-Committee Overview
 - History
 - Goals
 - 2012 Radio System Planning
 - 2013 Testing
 - 2014 Operational Planning
 - 2015 Training Development
 - 2016 Implementation
 - Trunking Sub-Committee started in December 2011
 - Created 4 Focus Groups
 - Technical
 - Understand the design, capabilities and limitations
 - Operational
 - How to best use the system
 - Logistics of transition
 - Educational
 - How to best train all users
 - Financial
 - Discuss budgeting and grants
 - Technical Group began meeting in February 2012
 - Technical overview of the system
 - 17 Site
 - P25 Phase 1, to become Phase 2 prior to Fire and EMS
 - 7/800Mhz Hybrid
 - 95% quality over 97% geographical region, street-level, portable radio coverage
 - 3 Cells (East, West, South)
 - Radios that are P25 compliant per the standard will be allowed on the system
 - Provisioning / Maintenance to be done by Radio Center
 - Operational group began meeting in April 2012
 - Largest Concerns
 - Operations in IDLH atmospheres
 - Transitional communications between VHF and 7/800 on a scene
 - Reviewed various resources for recommendations and guidance
 - NFPA, NIOSH, NIST, FEMA, IAFC
 - Various Agency policies and procedures
 - Reviewed 40 like cities and what systems they use and how they operate
 - Narrowed the search down to 6 similar cities operating on 3 different systems
 - Have made contact with 2 of the system managers
 - Currently focused on Agency testing
 - How to test and what information we are looking for

- What to test (Inside to outside, inside to 911, outside to 911)
- When to test (organized testing vs. random times)
- Where to test (Target hazards and known problem areas)
- Who to test (training to be given to the agency test users)
- Collection of data and analysis
- Tentative Timeline
 - Based on system acceptance by the County
 - Late 2nd Quarter 2013 possibly
- Educational Group
 - Has yet to meet. Waiting on plans from Operations group
- Financial Group
 - Working off the 4th Battalion initiative
 - Lead by Dep Coord Fish

DIGITAL PAGING/TRUCK SYSTEM – R. Verdouw

Digital Paging

- 563 of 653 new 1503 pagers deployed as of 1/17/13.
- Radio Center is programming in the order of the P.O. date.
- Any department not already scheduled through Joe Grillo for 1503 programming should contact him to get on the calendar.
- New firmware ver. 464 released 1/16/13 for the 1503 for vibrate & weak signal devices. ANY PAGER THAT HAS EVER MISSED A CALL SHOULD GET THIS FIRMWARE UPDATE.
- 1503's are still available from CRS and should be ordered a.s.a.p. while current supplies are available.
- Response View is being provided to paging system users at no charge.
- Training & login's on Response View are linked to receipt of the 1503 pagers.
- Terminal firmware upgrade is currently scheduled for 1/23/13.

Trunk System

- Harris is testing and optimizing the system at this time.
- Acceptance of the system should take place in March 2013.
- The County expects to take Public Service traffic in the April 2013 time frame.

ECD DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. Merklinger

- CAD project with Tiburon is being terminated due to poor performance by Tiburon. We have a plan moving forward with current CAD and future CAD.
- We had Northrop Grumman (current vendor) in town working on an upgrade to our existing CAD hardware to sustain us going forward until we replace the current CAD software. The timeline on that project has us completing it April 30, 2013.
- We are upgrading the network switch gear, patch panels and wiring at 911 and will complete that in early April before we finish the hardware upgrade.

- We are moving forward with upgrading the current CAD to the Command Point CAD from Northrop. Project timeline on that project is 24 months after contract execution, so late spring 2015.
- We continue to work on RMS for police, fire and EMS. Contract negotiations need to begin with Alpine software for Red Alert. Hopefully this can go to the county legislature in May or June.
- Promoting 6 dispatchers to dispatcher II and their class begins on 1/25.

EMS REPORT – T. Czapranski

FIRE BUREAU REPORT – S. DeRosa

FIRE ADVISORY REPORT - J. Lemcke

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR – S. Bowman

NEW BUSINESS – T. Warth

OLD BUSINESS

ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – M. Dobbertin

BATTALION REPORTS

Batt 1 – T. Warth

- Thank you to for all the support and assistance during the WWFD tragedy. Special thanks to Al Sienkiewicz, Sam DeRosa, and Rich Verdouw for all their assistance during this tragedy.

Batt 2 - L. Vaughan

Batt 3 - B. Bartolic

Batt 4 - J. Coates

Batt 5 - D. Pfersick

ANYTHING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BOARD –

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. from T. Link, seconded by R. Zwaga. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Fire and EMS Communications Board is scheduled for Thursday February 21, 2013 @ 5:00 pm in STEP Conference Room at the Public Safety Training Facility, 1190 Scottsville Road.