



## **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: NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: P. Bietry, S. Bowman, J. Coates, M. Dobertin, J. Lemcke, J. Merklinger,  
D. Pfersick, L Ruiz, D. Sansone, L. Vaughan, R. Verdouw, T. Warth

EXCUSED: T. Czapranski, S. DeRosa, S. Leuchtner

GUESTS: J. Dabbs, M. Rothberg (RIT Ambulance)

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

A quorum of voting members was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **EXISTING SYSTEM STATUS/NARROWBAND – T. Warth**

##### **FUTURE TRUNKING SYSTEM COMMITTEES – T. Warth**

- Trunk Sub-Committee met on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November and discussed the testing of the system process. More to come on this.

##### **R. Verdouw**

- The trunk system West cell is on the air.
- East & South cells are on the air under test.
- Next the cells will be optimized and then traffic handed off cell to cell, roaming.
- After the Public Service traffic is transferred to the trunk, portables will be circulated for departments to test with and verify coverage in their respective districts.

##### **DIGITAL PAGING/TRUCK SYSTEM – R. Verdouw**

- Eight customers deployed out of 36 as of today.
- Radio Center is programming in the order of the P.O. date.
- UHF digital paging will be turned off as of 12/31/2012. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF ANY "R-NET'S" ETC. STILL IN SERVICE
- 1503's are being well received.

- Response View is provided to paging system users at no charge.
- Training & login's on Response View are linked to receipt of the 1503 pagers.
- Request for "Active 911" are coming in at an alarming rate and being handled as quickly as possible.
- Caution, when pagers are turned off, if there is a situation like Hurricane Sandy the cell towers all went down. There will be no way to get calls if you rely on cell phone notify only. Pagers were the only way to receive call notification.

#### **ECD DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. Merklinger**

- Will be upgrading computers with a delivery date of 11/29.
- Still waiting to hear grant approval from the state.
- Back up 911 project is in progress.
- Looking at Next Gen 911 and texting capabilities.
- List of dispatch information was given to Board members.

#### **EMS REPORT – T. Czapranski**

#### **FIRE BUREAU REPORT – S. DeRosa**

#### **FIRE ADVISORY REPORT - J. Lemcke**

- Meeting this Monday.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR – S. Bowman**

- Hurricane Sandy deployment - The recommendation of VTAC from this Board worked very well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – S. Leuchtner**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – M. Dobbertin**

- Chief Sam Mitrano was appointed by the Mayor to the permanent position of Chief subject to city council approval.

#### **BATTALION REPORTS**

##### **Batt 1 – T. Warth**

##### **Batt 2 - L. Vaughan**

- Meeting next week will be an election meeting.
- Brockport putting IPADS on apparatus. Seems to be working well.

##### **Batt 3 - D. Sansone**

##### **Batt 4 - J. Coates**

**Batt 5 - D. Pfersick**

- Inquired about Pictometry on MDT's. Per J. Merklinger that it is already available, need to contact him for particulars and set up.

**ANYTHING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BOARD –**

Motion to adjourn at 5:22PM.

**The next meeting of the Fire and EMS Communications Board is scheduled for Thursday December 20, 2012 @ 5:00 pm in STEP Conference Room at the Public Safety Training Facility, 1190 Scottsville Road.**