



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: OCTOBER 18, 2012

ATTENDANCE: S. Bowman, J. Coates, S. DeRosa, M. Dobbertin, S. Leuchtner, T. Link, J. Merklinger, L. Ruiz, D. Sansone, L. Vaughan, R. Verdouw, R. Zwaga

EXCUSED: B. Bartolick, T. Czapranski, J. Lemcke, D. Pfersick, T. Warth

GUESTS: M. Rothberg (RIT Ambulance), A. Sienkiewicz

The meeting was called to order by V. Chairman S. Leuchtner at 5:00 PM.

A quorum of voting members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

June meeting minutes were approved as informational.

COMMUNICATIONS

EXISTING SYSTEM STATUS/NARROWBAND – T. Warth

FUTURE TRUNKING SYSTEM COMMITTEES – J. Merklinger

- Have been meeting. Next meeting in November.
- Putting together some testing methodology that can be used.
- West cell is up.
- Agreed to wait till testing to make any final decisions.
- Per J. Coates, Egypt has purchased some Motorola equipment.

DIGITAL PAGING/TRUCK SYSTEM – R. Verdouw

- Digital pagers are being programmed. Bushnell's Basin picked up their pagers today. J. Grillo will continue programming and departments will be contacted when their pagers are ready for pick up.
- Had problems with primary channel, went to secondary channel (there were problems w/email). You might have seen an "R" in the right hand corner of the pager screen. This doesn't change the pager it is just a glitch. Should be fixed by next week.

ECD DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. Merklinger

- Continue to progress with CAD project. Continuing testing. Still waiting on items from vendor.
- Upgrading all the radio consoles, PC's and monitors for the radios at 911 and back up 911 facility. Will be going to the latest version of the centracom software, upgrading the hardware and replacing the servers. Begins on 11/14 to the end of the calendar year.
- Also working to replace net-clocks.
- Station PC replacement at all the fire houses and EMS stations is 95% complete. Primarily city fire is left to complete. If anyone has any problems, please let 911 know.
- We can now send an e-mail of calls to IAMRESPONDING, Red Alert and Active 911. There are currently 19-21 agencies participating with this feature.
- IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert Warning System) is a federal initiative that allows us to call all cellular telephones registered on a cell site. This part of it is known as CAMS (Cellular Alert Monitoring System). We are testing with our reverse calling vendor and plan to roll this out by the first of the year. It will be one more way to notify the public in an emergency.

S. Bowman - CAD

- Having some challenges with the vendor performance. A letter was sent to the vendor noting displeasure and requesting the issues to be corrected. A deadline of November 14th was given to the vendor for all issues to be resolved.

EMS REPORT – T. Czapranski

FIRE BUREAU REPORT – S. DeRosa

- Communications manual has been added to the Mutual Aid Plan.
- 155/175 frequencies are being reviewed. Waiting on 2 agencies to complete data.
- Re-Broadcast function is working well for “Working Fires”.
- Putting together an order for new pagers. Currently contacting all fire chiefs to see if they are using the county pager or the department pager.
- Jay France (MC Fire Training Coordinator) will be leaving the county for a new position at MCC (Program Coordinator - Fire Rescue Program). His last day is November 9th. Posting will soon follow.

FIRE ADVISORY REPORT - J. Lemcke

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR – S. Bowman

- Clarified the 175/155 fire channel/history and apologized for any confusion. Looking into what's available for a backup fire channel and if 175/155 can be used as a backup channel.
- Attended Executive Chief's meeting at the 2nd Battalion to address issues.

NEW BUSINESS – S. Leuchtner

- Attended Motorola Demonstration today.

T. Link – Questioned equipment and compatibility to the new trunk system. Per S. Bowman it too soon to publish features/options. A list of equipment will be included in the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – M. Dobbertin

N/R

BATTALION REPORTS

Batt 1 – T. Link

N/R

Batt 2 - L. Vaughan

- Spoke about the 2nd battalion October meeting. S. Bowman attended and gave an overview on the new trunking system and its history. There seems to be a disconnect between the chief's and the commissioners. Funding is the biggest concern. Steve Bowman offered to attend any meeting to explain the system. There is also a lot of information on existing trunking systems on the internet.

Batt 3 - D. Sansone

N/R

Batt 4 - J. Coates

N/R

Batt 5 -

ANYTHING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BOARD –

Motion to adjourn at 5:48 PM.

**The next meeting of the Fire and EMS Communications Board is scheduled for
Thursday November 15, 2012 @ 5:00 pm in STEP Conference Room at the
Public Safety Training Facility, 1190 Scottsville Road.**