

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
November 20, 2013

Chief Liggett called the meeting of the 911 Commission to order at 1:31 p.m. on November 20, 2013.

Members present: Chief Brad Liggett, Beloit Fire Department; Chief Jim Jensen, Janesville Fire Department; Chief Norm Jacobs, Beloit Police Department; Chief Ben Riemer, Town of Fulton Police Department; Chief Tom Kunkel, Town of Milton Police Department

Members Not Present: Assistant Chief Gene Wright, Town of Beloit Fire Department; Chief David Moore, Janesville Police Department; Sheriff Bob Spoden, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief Brian Demrow, Edgerton Fire Department

Others present. Kathy Sukus, Rock County Communications Center; Brian Becker, Rock County Communications Center; Dara Mosley, Rock County IT

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chief Liggett called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Sukus stated item 4) c should be removed from the agenda. This item is being brought back to the Rock County Fire Officers Association. All in favor - Unanimous. Agenda approved with changes.

2. Minutes –September 18, 2013

Motion by Jacobs to approve minutes as written. Second by Jensen. September 18, 2013 minutes approved as written.

3. Comments from the Public – No Public

4. Policy Updates

- a) It was discussed at a recent Law Enforcement workgroup whether or not "next on the list" tows could take more than one vehicle during a pickup that involved more than one vehicle needing a tow. The workgroup requested the policy to reflect a one vehicle per tow company in those circumstances. Liggett questioned if this would be applicable to an incident like a rolled over semi that needs to be up righted. Sukus stated it applies only to Law Enforcement calls where the driver has no preference.
- b) This policy was updated to reflect how the Communications Center complies with CJIS password change requirements. With the implementation of the new CAD system, password changes are now prompted automatically every 90 days.
- c) Removed from agenda.

- d) This policy was updated to include the new County Smoking Ordinance – no smoking within 30 feet of a County building.
- e) The TIME System no longer requires the Communications Center to keep a log of visitors in dispatch. The policy was changed to reflect that.

Motion by Kunkel to approve all policy changes as written with the exception of item C. Second by Reimer. Policy changes unanimously approved.

5. Mobile Data - Update

Motorola held a PremierOne Mobile Data demo at the Health Care Center on 11/6/13. Mosley stated he was given the impression that both law enforcement and fire/EMS agencies liked it. He noted PremierOne would require aircards, integrates better with the new CAD than the current mobile data, and would also make mapping available. He is waiting to get a price quote from Motorola and to see if it works with the laptops agencies currently have. Agencies will be able to choose whether or not to switch to PremierOne, but if they opt out and stay with the current system, there will be a limited time frame to opt back in if they change their minds without incurring additional costs. If costs are higher at that time than during the initial switch, the agency would be expected to make up the difference. Mosley believes leftover funds from the CAD project will be able to cover the initial purchase. Jacobs questioned if PremierOne has the capability to change beat areas by shift. Sukus stated this would be something to work with Kris, Geo Applications Support Specialist, on.

6. Fireground Channel Usage Policy - Discussion

Sukus directed the Commission to page 13 of the Fire & EMS Policy. This policy outlines default Tac channels for Fire/EMS agencies. Since the digital cutover, Beloit has been going to the Red Tac instead of White. The White Tac channel was not working properly and they switched for safety reasons. During project re-programming, Beloit kept Red as their primary Tac channel. Liggett stated this was done absent of the knowledge of the above policy outlines and apologized for such. The Fire/EMS workgroup discussed changing Tac default assignment to reflect a new MABAS Wisconsin recommendation and wanted the 911 Commission's opinion. At the time of the workgroup meeting, it was unsure of exactly where the recommendation was coming from. It has since been confirmed that it is from MABAS Wisconsin. Now that it has been confirmed, the Commission recommends taking it back to the workgroup and suggests they come up with a Daily Operational Plan and Disaster Operational Plan.

7. Informational Items & Updates

a) 3rd Quarter Quality Assurance

Sukus distributed the Communications Center 3rd Quarter Quality Assurance Reports. She stated response back was good and scores were positive.

b) Highway 26

It has been worked out that the County will be plowing the section of road referred to as Old Highway 26 within the Town of Milton for this winter. It has not been finalized yet who will take ownership of the road after repairs have been finished this spring.

c) Phone System Upgrade

Sukus stated the Communications Center's phone system upgrade was implemented last Thursday. She said she in discussions with the vendor regarding enabling texting to 911. This would be advantageous for speech or hearing impaired members of the community. Nobody in the State of Wisconsin currently has it.

d) Dane County

Cutover over to their digital trunked radio system has been postponed until January.

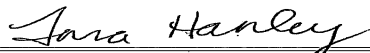
e) Budget

The 2014 budget was approved by the County Board last week. Approved items the Edgerton radio tower, County Main Simulcast, and an addition to fire simulcast in the Edgerton area. Sukus is gathering information on different approaches for the radio tower to bring to County Administration for the final decision on whether to rent space on an existing tower or build a new tower.

8. Next Meeting – January 15, 2014

9. Adjournment – Kunkel moved to adjourn Commission meeting. Second by Riemer. All in favor. Commission adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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