



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: DECEMBER 20, 2012

ATTENDANCE: B. Bartolick, J. Coats, T. Czapranksi, M. Dobertin, J. Lemcke,
J. Merklinger, D. Sansone, L. Vaughan, R. Verdouw, T. Warth, R. Zwaga,
L Ruiz

EXCUSED: S. Bowman, S. Leuchtner, T. Link, S. DeRosa

GUESTS: M. Rothberg (RIT), C. Sadowski (RIT), T. Carson (ECD), A. Sienkiewicz (MCFB),
J. VanHoesen (4th Batt), C. Vitale (ECD)

The meeting was called to order by T. Warth at 5:04 PM.

A quorum of voting members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORT - T. Warth

- 5th Battalion replacements will be Matt Jarett (EMS Rep) and Adam Yanda (Fire Rep).
- Board will send a formal Thank You letter to Patty Bietry and Diana Pfersick for their years of service to this Board.
- Welcome to Jim Van Hoesen, 4th Battalion rep.

REPORT

- Would like to refocus on this Board's mission for next year. Trunk system is the primary focus.
- Would like to see more consistent communication to the battalions to alleviate misinformation and rumors.
- Would also like to focus more on radio communications relevant to operations.
- J. Coats suggested that FECB members have opportunities to test hardware before distribution to the chiefs. Per T. Warth the Operations Group will be addressing many issues.

EXISTING SYSTEM STATUS/NARROWBAND – T. Warth

FUTURE TRUNKING SYSTEM COMMITTEES – T. Warth

Meets in January to review testing procedures and data management

DIGITAL PAGING/TRUCK SYSTEM – R. Verdouw

- 446 of 646 new 1503 pagers deployed as of today.
- 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. Any pager that has ever missed a call should get this firmware update.
- 1503's are still available from CRS and should be ordered asap while current supplies are available.
- Response View is being provided to paging system users at no charge.
- Training & logins on Response View are linked to receipt of the 1503 pagers.
- Terminal firmware upgrade delayed due to 1503 rollout. It is currently scheduled for the 1st week of 2013.
- UHF digital paging was turned off 12/10/12.
- We request that any UHF County owned pagers be turned into Cobbs Hill.

TRUNK SYSTEM – R. Verdouw

- Harris is testing and optimizing the system at this time.
- 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.

ECD DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. Merklinger

- Back-up 9-1-1 building is progressing.
- Network switch replacement scheduled for February
- Upgrading patch panels scheduled for January.
- Next 9-1-1 testing schedule for end of February.
- CAD project facing challenges. Do have a contingency plan.

Q. J. Coats – Will this delay Red Alert?

A. J. Merklinger – Perhaps a little impact, being looked at.

- Radio Console project is progressing.
- Changing the Net Clock to newest version.
- Past week FCC signed cause and order to Verizon, ATT, Sprint, & T. Mobile.
- Cell phone apps were discussed; paperwork will be included w/minutes. Reminded that the cell phone apps are not to be used as a primary alert system.

EMS REPORT – T. Czapranski

- Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

FIRE BUREAU REPORT – S. DeRosa

FIRE ADVISORY REPORT - J. Lemcke

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR – S. Bowman

NEW BUSINESS – T. Warth

- Board Elections – if interested please contact Tom Link or Rick Zwaga.

OLD BUSINESS

ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT – M. Dobbertin

BATTALION REPORTS

Batt 1 – T. Warth

Batt 2 - L. Vaughan

Batt 3 - B. Bartolic

- Basin and Egypt met with Fishers to prepare for their switch to Ontario County 700 mHz. For now, Fishers has agreed to utilize Channel 3 for any event that uses any Monroe County dept. (most likely Egypt, Basin, and Mendon).
- Victor has updated their mutual and automatic aid plan to include Egypt and Basin on greater alarm incidents. We intend to work out a communications plan as Victor FD moves forward onto the Ontario County trunk system.

Batt 4 - J. Coates

- Churchville will be using IPADS on their apparatus.

Batt 5 - D. Pfersick

ANYTHING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BOARD –

Motion to adjourn at 5:47.

**The next meeting of the Fire and EMS Communications Board is scheduled for
Thursday January 17, 2013 @ 5:00 pm in STEP Conference Room at the
Public Safety Training Facility, 1190 Scottsville Road.**