

Thurston 911 Communications
Joint Operations Board & FLAC Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was held via teleconference call.

Members Present:

Operations Board:

Scott LaVielle – Tumwater Fire Department
Steve Brooks – Lacey Fire District 3
Aaron Jelcick – Olympia Police Department
John Weiks – Tumwater Police Department
Mike Buchanan – Olympia Fire Department

FLAC Members:

Gordon Phillips – Thurston County Sheriff's Office
Jim Mack – Lacey Police Department
Mark Nelson – East Olympia Fire Department
Rich Allen – Olympia Police Department
Ryan Cox – Lacey Fire District 3
Jen Schmidt - Lacey Fire District 3
Chris Patti – McClane/Black Lake Fire Department

TCOMM staff:

Keith Flewelling – Executive Director
Wendy Hill – Deputy Director
David Taylor – Radio Systems Manager
Jeremy Prine – Radio Systems Technician
Jonnica Elkins – Operations Supervisor
Jan Morgan-Leiferman - I.T. Systems Administrator
Bré Skaggs – Administrative Assistant
Susan Ronning – ADCOMM Engineering LLC, Owner & Principal Consultant
Molly Kovaka - ADCOMM Engineering LLC, Sr. Project Manager

Guests:

Wade Duffy – Fire Marshall, City of Lacey
Scott Brownell – Medic One

Call to Order

M. Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Review of Agenda & Minutes

M/S/C approval of the April 20, 2020 agenda (S. Brooks/J. Weiks)
M/S/C approval of February 24, 2020, Joint Ops/FLAC meeting minutes (J. Weiks/S. Brooks)

Correspondence – None

Public Testimony – None

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TCERN Radio Project Update – The Thurston County Emergency Radio Network (TCERN) project is underway. S. Ronning, CEO of Adcomm Engineering, provided a status update on the TCERN project to the group. ADCOMM, TCOMM, and Motorola are reviewing the coverage analysis and are looking at potential areas that may need improvement. Site surveys have been delayed due to the current pandemic by two months but S. Ronning stated as long as the surveys can be completed by July 2020, the project will stay on track.

A detailed overview of the new system and the near-future tasks was provided via a PowerPoint presentation that is available on the TCOMM911 TCERN webpage. A request for a technical contact from each agency is needed to help with determining current inventory. The need for a fleet mapping subcommittee was discussed and determined that law enforcement FLAC members will fill this roll while the Fire Operations Committee will determine how they would like to proceed. Fleet mapping is the foundation for all user communications within the system.

ADCOMM encouraged the group to visit the TCOMM website where new/more information has been posted about the project.

OPERATIONS BOARD:

None.

FLAC:

Police Dispositions Update – An update was provided to the Committee regarding more specific tracking of officers time, as requested by OPD, through the creation of three new disposition codes TCOMM IT determined that officers could add a disposition from the MCT's. R. Allen asked to have the original three dispositions added (Warning, Referred to Outreach (Familiar Faces), Refer to Social Services) on a trial basis to see how that will work before adding more. J. Elkins stated they will get the dispositions built into the system first and will then send out PowerPoint training to the officers.

“Self-Dispatching” Function Keys Enabled – G. Phillips requested to be able to close out calls through the MCTs and self-dispatch. TCSO offered to be the first agency to participate in a six-month trial for self dispatching of Priority 3-4 calls if TCOMM IT says that option can be enabled on the MCTs. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Next meeting: May 18, 2020, at 1:00 pm