

Thurston 911 Communications
Operations Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M.

Meeting was held via teleconference call.

FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Brooks – Chair, Lacey Fire District 3
Brian VanCamp - TC Fire Chiefs Association
Kurt Hardin – Thurston County Medic One
Brian Hurley – Tumwater Fire Department

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Weiks – Tumwater Police Department
Robert Almada – Lacey Police Department
Ray Brady – Thurston County Sheriff's Office

TCOMM STAFF:

Keith Flewelling – Executive Director
Wendy Hill – Deputy Director
Scott Peabody - ADCOMM Engineering LLC, Sr. Consultant
Molly Kovaka - ADCOMM Engineering LLC, Sr. Project Manager

GUESTS:

Jon Kalar – Tumwater Fire Department
Linda Horn – Evergreen State College Police Department
Ryan Cox – Lacey Fire District 3
Anthony Kuzma - American Medical Response

Call to Order

S. Brooks called the meeting to order at 1301 hrs.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Approval of April 19, 2021 Agenda.
One item was added to the agenda: Dual Band Portable Radios for LE
Request to move Election of Vice Chair before Subcommittee Reports
Approval of March 15, 2021 Joint Ops/FLAC meeting minutes (J. Weiks/R. Almada)

Correspondence: None

Public Testimony: None

Election of Vice-Chair: S. Brooks called for nominations for Vice Chair for the 2021-2022 terms. A nomination for J. Weiks as Vice-Chair was made by K. Hardin and seconded by B. VanCamp.

M/S/C to elect the nominee and close nominations for the Vice Chair position (R. Almada/B. Hurley)

Subcommittee Reports

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TCERN Project Update: Highlights: On schedule. Set to complete fleetmapping. Civil work has begun. 2 sites left in permitting. Staging for microwave is set for week of June 3rd. Motorola staging will be the week of June 14th in Chicago IL. Staff from the Radio Systems, Operations, and Administration will be on site to see the system run and conduct acceptance testing. Subscriber equipment and installation plan for mobiles and portables is in progress, beginning in October 2021 through April 2022. S. Peabody will be coordinating with each agency. TCSO asked for and was approved for early deployment of portables with a total of 80. A concern was raised during fire fleetmapping regarding installation in fire rigs as they require in-vehicle chargers for mobiles. This issue may require mobile and portable installations at the same time. A training plan is underway. Ryan Cox will be leading the training effort for the entire system. He will reach out to Law Enforcement members as well to have a trainer from each discipline. Interoperability continues to be discussed with Pierce County CCN and WSP.

FLAC Report: W. Hill updated the Board with highlights from the latest FLAC meeting on April 13th. Meeting frequency will be every other month, and the committee elected Chair Jim Mack and Vice Chair Kevin Bossard for the 2021-2022 term. Radio communications manual updates were discussed and sent out to the Committee for review. Once that is complete it will be brought forward to the Operations Board. Smoke investigation calls at homeless camps were also discussed.

Fire Fleetmapping Report: No report.

Old Business

LE Fleetmapping Report: W. Hill reported that radio assignment plans for LE are almost complete. Honing in on how to interopwith Pierce County and WSP.

K. Flewelling gave a brief explanation of the ISSI and how it allows TCOMM to formulate talk groups with other P25 radio systems. The ISSI will allow users on a talk group that is built into both systems fleemap to talk and be heard by that other system when responding as mutual aid.

New Business

Staff Report-MSI Subscriber Equipment Warranty & Maintenance: K. Flewelling stated that in reviewing the warranty and maintenance agreement with MSI, TCOMM learned that the plan that was purchased was a depot maintenance plan. The depot maintenance plan covers shipping to and from the Motorola depot and any corrective work that is completed there. What the depot plan does not cover is any preventative maintenance, on-site trouble shooting, the uninstallation from the vehicle, the transport to the Day Wireless shop, the re-programming and reinstallation of the radio.

The white glove maintenance plan from MSI includes Day Wireless uninstallation from the vehicle, the transport to the Day Wireless shop, and the re-programming and reinstallation of the radio. After discussion regarding the benefits of this additional level of coverage, it was determined to be worth the cost associated.

Recommendation to the Administration Board of Directors to approve the services included in the warranty/maintenance agreement with MSI for subscriber equipment. **M/S/C (K. Bossard/K. Hardin)**

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Dual Band Portable Radios for LE: K. Flewelling stated that TCOMM originally purchased dual band radios for Fire/EMS agencies and the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. Other LE agencies were scheduled for single band due to the less likelihood that they would need to operate on the legacy VHF system. However after further discussion of current and future needs, it was recommended that all agencies receive dual band radios. This will be at an additional cost of approximately \$570,000. All LE members present supported the idea and provided examples as to how this would be a benefit.

Motion to recommend the Administration Board approve the revised purchase of dual band portable radios for all member agencies. **(R. Brady/2 seconds from Lacey/Tumwater)**

Next Meeting: May 17, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.