

Thurston 911 Communications
Operations Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M.

Meeting was held via teleconference call and in-person.

FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Brooks – Chair, Lacey Fire District 3
Kurt Hardin – Thurston County Medic One
Jon Kalar – Tumwater Fire Department
Brian VanCamp - TC Fire Chiefs Association (South Bay Fire Department)

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aaron Jelcick – Olympia Police Department
Robert Almada – Lacey Police Department
Ray Brady – Undersheriff, TCSO

TCOMM STAFF:

Keith Flewelling – Executive Director
Wendy Hill – Deputy Director
Aaron Moe – Human Resources Manager
David Taylor - Radio Systems Manager
Bre Skaggs – Administrative Assistant
Scott Peabody - ADCOMM Engineering LLC, Sr. Consultant

GUESTS:

Leonard Johnson - TC Fire Chiefs Association (McLane Black Lake Fire Department)
Linda Horn – Evergreen State College
Chris Patti - McLane Black Lake Fire Department
Mike Calhoun – East Olympia Fire District #6

Call to Order

S. Brooks called the meeting to order at 1302 hrs.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Approval of August 16, 2021 Agenda.
Approval of July 19, 2021 meeting minutes (R. Brady/R. Almada)

Correspondence: None

Public Testimony: None

Subcommittee Reports

TCERN Project Update: K. Flewelling updated the board on current project status. Highlights include:

Civil work: is underway. This work includes the generators and battery installations. The gold seal on buildings by the State of WA has delayed the radio site shelter installation by approximately 6 months. This delay in the overall project will not change the installation nor timing of the subscriber equipment so no warranty is lost. TCOMM has accepted delivery of all infrastructure equipment from Motorola and it is in the warehouse at Blue Mountain. All microwave equipment has been received as well.

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Inventory and asset tracking are in progress now for both. Portable/Mobile deployment plan was published and sent out to member agencies.

FLAC Update: K. Flewelling gave a brief update regarding the last meeting. Inter Subsystem Interface, or ISSI, was discussed. This is the interface between the new TCERN system, the existing 700 Pierce CO system, and the existing WSP system.. This will enable units from Pierce (fire/law), WSP, and TCERN subscribers to communicate and utilize the same talk group when needed.

Cross Manning Function in CAD. The Cross Manning function was updated in the recent CAD upgrade. This feature is beneficial to some Fire agencies/units who don't have staff resources or are heavily volunteer-based but want to make more than one type of apparatus available in CAD. Once staff is dispatched and utilizes one apparatus, the others are taken out of service. TCOMM has set up a pilot study with W. Thurston Fire. They will vet the functionality and will let FLAC know the pros and cons.

AVL functionality: A discussion took place regarding retention on AVL records. TCOMM does not retain AVL data which was at the previous direction of the Operations Board. Only when units are actively engaged in a call is it retained. Given a recent user-agency request, it brought up the question if that needs to change. FLAC members were asked to go back to their Agencies and see how they'd like to proceed and will be brought up again at the October meeting.

Old Business

LEG21 Update: W. Hill stated no new issues or concerns from TCOMM's side since the new procedures took effect. Fire/EMS units are seeing increased calls that Law Enforcement previously responded to. Fire/EMS asked if there could be a Welfare Check added to the codes used by them. K. Flewelling stated that would be looked into and an update provided at the next meeting. Law Enforcement stated incidents are taking longer to close due to assessments and returning phone calls instead of just responding to the incidents.

New Business

CAD Interfaces: K. Flewelling stated recently TCOMM has been receiving requests for CAD interfaces that directly connect to the live database. Requests need to be consolidated to only those applications that all/most agencies would utilize. Too many direct connects to the database from outside vendors introduce the possibility of CAD latency, failure and/or compromised security of the data.

Emergency Management Notifications: K. Hardin stated a few weeks ago, regarding the Scatter Creek fire notifications to close the road, Emergency Management was not notified of this closure. Discussion took place and it was determined to discuss this further at the next Ops meeting before bringing it back to TCOMM. Chief Johnson volunteered to work with K. Hardin on a proposal for consideration.

Meeting adjourned: With no further business or good of the order, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Next Meeting: Joint Admin/Ops September 29, 2021 @ 3:30 p.m.