

Thurston 911 Communications
Operations Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 15, 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
Brian Hurley – Tumwater Fire Department
Brian VanCamp – TC Fire Chiefs Association (South Bay Fire Department)

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rich Allen – 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
Tim Klotz – Information Systems Manager
Bre Skaggs – Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Leonard Johnson - TC Fire Chiefs Association (McLane Black Lake Fire Department)
Anthony Kuzma -

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Approval of November 15, 2021 Agenda.
Informational: September 29, 2021 meeting minutes

Correspondence: None

Public Testimony: None

Subcommittee Reports

TCERN Project Update: K. Flewelling gave a brief update on the TCERN project. There is a new NFPA standard regarding portable radios in the fire service. None of the radios that were purchased for the TCERN project meet that standard. Motorola has a radio that will meet the new NFPA standard but with that comes extra costs for not only TCOMM but for member agencies. TCOMM will investigate the new NFPA 1802 standard to see what they are and then figure out what the additional costs will be. Those approximate costs will be brought back to the Operations Board and FLAC to decide what the next steps should be. Decisions will be to either wait for the new NFPA compliant radios or to continue with the radios previously decided on. The training team has met and is developing a plan now to execute the training plan to meet the deployment of the law enforcement radios early next spring.

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IT Update: T. Klotz provided an update. Some highlights include: Continuing work with Central Square and the move to Mobile Comm update. There will be a CAD Live upgrade on December 1st. IT plans to have the ASAP to PSAP alarm module live at TCOMM by the end of the year.

FLAC Update: W. Hill gave a brief update regarding the last meeting. With no big concerns being voiced, cross manning has been rolled out to any agency that would like to implement the program. Fire welfare check responses are being looked at with Fire agencies and TCOMM Sups. There was a request for a type code for "Aircraft in trouble 2" and TCOMM staff are working on getting that implemented as well.

Old Business

None.

New Business

TCOMM Staffing Update: A. Moe stated TCOMM is currently short 7 staff members in the Operations department. Continuing to actively recruit, and the next academy is scheduled for March 14th. In-house mitigation measures continue as well. TCOMM has worked with staff and the unions to provide incentives to staff that volunteer for overtime to save co-workers from being mandatoried on their day off.

2022 Ops Board Schedule: W. Hill asked the Board if they would like to continue monthly meetings or change the 2022 schedule. A short discussion took place and it was determined due to the TCERN project and communication with agencies to keep the monthly meetings throughout 2022.

In-person vs Zoom: W. Hill asked the Board if the next meeting should be in person. The Board agreed to have a Hybrid meeting: in-person with a Zoom option.

December 2021 Meeting: W. Hill asked the Board if they would like to cancel the December meeting due to the date and the holidays. The Board agreed and the next meeting will take place in January 2022.

Meeting adjourned: With no further business or good of the order, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.