

**Thurston 911 Communications**  
**Operations Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 1:00 P.M.**

**Meeting was held via teleconference call.**

**FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Brooks – Chair, Lacey Fire District 3  
Brian Hurley – Tumwater Fire Department  
Brian VanCamp - TC Fire Chiefs Association (South Bay Fire Department)  
Ben Miller-Todd – Thurston County Medic One  
Mark John – Olympia Fire Department

**LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jay Mason – Tumwater Police Department  
Rich Allen – Olympia Police Department  
Robert Almada – Lacey Police Department  
Ray Brady – Undersheriff, TCSO

**TCOMM STAFF:**

Wendy Hill – Executive Director  
Cathy Jones-Gooding – Deputy Director  
Aaron Moe – Human Resources Manager  
Tim Klotz – Information Systems Manager  
David Taylor – Radio Systems Manager  
Bre Skaggs – Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:**

Chris Patti – McLane Black Lake Fire Department  
Jen Schmidt – Lacey Fire District 3

**Call to Order**

Chair S. Brooks called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs.

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

Approval of February 28, 2022 Agenda.  
Approval of the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes **M/S/C (R. Almada/B. Hurley)**

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Testimony:** None

**Subcommittee Reports**

**I.T. Services:** T. Klotz stated TCOMM is continuing to work with WaTech on a secondary IGN connection. WaTech has recommended a solution called Branch Office VPN. Discussions have taken place about implementation and an alert that will automatically detect a failure of the primary IGN. A meeting is taking place later this week with WaTech to get more details.

TCOMM continues to work with USDD on digital paging. Training took place last week for TCOMM's IT department with implementation coming soon with more testing.

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**Radio Systems:** D. Taylor provided an update and a few highlights include:

-Radio Systems department continues to maintain the legacy system as well as building the TCERN 700 MHz system.

-Ordered and received all of the LE portables and mobiles which are being processed now. Also, received some of the base stations. Fire service radio orders are being finalized.

-Installation of the LE mobiles is expected to start soon, pending the arrival of some peripheral items.

- Radio Systems staff are working with Comdex and Motorola to finalize the initial code plug that goes into the radios, followed by radio programming Day Wireless in conjunction with Motorola will be on scene to run each radio through testing to make sure it's ready to be assigned to a unit for deployment.

-Dispatch radio consoles installation is scheduled to begin in mid-to-late March, with initial setup starting this week. Motorola will be installing a test/monitoring console and a programming console. This project will continue through the end of May.

-Site work continues. To date, one of nine shelters has been received and installed at St. Clair/Lakeside. The next shelter is on its way for installation at 8<sup>th</sup> & Fir.

-TCOMM continues to work with Pierce County and Washington State Patrol on interoperability.

**FLAC Update:** C. Jones-Gooding stated implementation of the ASAP to PSAP went well. Stated law enforcement officers are requesting trip times on alarms, however, ASAP stated that this information is currently not something they provide. We have submitted an enhancement request to ASAP. Also discussed holding quarterly joint TCERN meetings with Ops/FLAC with the first meeting taking place on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**TCERN Update:** This agenda item was covered under the Radio Systems update above.

### **New Business**

**FireView App:** C. Patti stated Fire service was looking for another method to access CAD. After a few demos from different providers, it was determined to use a web-based program out of Southern Oregon. This program will be hosted by LFD#3. Since there is already a fiber connection between Lacey and TCOMM it will have little to no cost for implementation. The app will be watched to ensure there are no unintended latency impacts to CAD. Discussion took place, including that there is a LE component that may be explored at a later date, and a motion made to move for approval for Fire agencies only at this time due to security issues with LE information. **M/S/C (B. Hurley/R. Brady)**

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**In-person Meetings:** W. Hill stated with the mask mandate lifting March 12<sup>th</sup> that in-person meetings can resume. However, the conference rooms will be full with the upcoming dispatch academy. Discussion took place and it was determined to stay with virtual for the next few meetings then switch to a hybrid option when the conference rooms become available.

**Meeting adjourned:** With no further business or good of the order, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

**Next Meeting: Joint Operations/FLAC meeting March 21, 2022 @ 1:00 PM**