

Thurston 911 Communications
Operations Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 21, 2022 @ 1:00 P.M.

Meeting was held via Zoom and in person.

FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Brooks – Chair, Lacey Fire Department
Mike Buchanan – Olympia Fire Department
Leonard Johnson - McLane Black Lake Fire Department
Brian Hurley – Tumwater Fire Department

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Weiks – Vice-Chair, Tumwater Police Department
Robert Almada – Lacey Police Department
Rich Allen – Olympia Police Department
Ray Brady – Undersheriff, TCSO
Rob Carlson – Yelm Police Department

TCOMM STAFF:

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

GUESTS:

Jen Schmidt – Lacey Fire Department
Chris Patti – McLane Black Lake Fire Department
Anthony Kuzma – Operations Manager - American Medical Response
Linda Horn – Evergreen State College

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Approval of August 15, 2022 Agenda
Approval of the September 28, 2022 Joint Admin/Operations meeting minutes **M/S/C (R. Almada/J. Weiks)**

Correspondence - None

Public Testimony - None

Subcommittee Reports

I.T. Services – T. Klotz stated there is a new CAD build that will be released soon. A notification with instructions will be sent out to agencies regarding any prerequisites that need to be met before and after the CAD upgrade. MCTs will not be impacted. There are no updates to the USDD integration at this time.

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Radio Systems - D. Taylor provided an update on the current VHF legacy system projects. The microwave at the 8th & Fir site is in the process of being replaced as it failed recently and the current microwave will not be able to sustain until the new system is ready for cutover. There are a few 2022 projects still being worked on with several just being completed like updating the HVAC system for the EOC shelter.

FLAC Update - C. Jones-Gooding provided a brief update on the Fall HIRL drill that was completed. They also discussed the C3 Pathways Active Shooter Incident Management. Medic One will reach out and verify that all other agencies are comfortable moving forward and will discuss this at the next FLAC meeting. FLAC determined that the Working Brush Fire type code was no longer needed after the packages were updated earlier this year. Other topics discussed were telephonic search warrants being emailed and keeping the FLAC meeting scheduled for December 13th with as many members also attending the Joint meeting on December 19th as possible.

Old Business

TCERN Update – D. Taylor provided an update to the Board.

- Subscriber Equipment – Fire/EMS installations are on schedule and currently midway through. Motorola’s goal is to be completed with the Fire/EMS services installs the second week in January. There is a significant back order of mobile chargers and only half have been received. Motorola expects delivery of the back-ordered chargers by the end of the first quarter of 2023. Currently working on an additional order of subscriber radios for all agencies to address warranty spares (true-up order). Those are expected end of the first quarter of 2023.
- Dispatch Consoles - the last of the consoles was installed today.
- System Infrastructure –To date, the Rochester, Neiderman, Capital Peak, and Maxwell Hill sites have been completed. The second wave of sites to be installed are Crawford, St. Clair, Summit Lake, and Yelm sites.
- Civil Site Work – There are a few sites still needing permits.

TCOMM Staffing Update - W. Hill gave a brief staffing update. Currently down 8 positions, with a new academy starting on January 9, 2023, and two more tentatively scheduled for later in the year.

New Business

Fire/EMS responses to “unknown if injury” MVAs – S. Brooks stated that the current practice for an unknown injury MVA is to put the call in a pending state if law enforcement is not immediately available to respond. After a certain amount of time, possibly 3-5 minutes, and law enforcement isn’t able to respond, then fire/EMS is dispatched. The current pilot program to reduce ambulance utilization is seeing an increase in these unknown injury types of calls where there are no patients. S. Brooks is asking to put a process in place that ambulances not be dispatched unless an injury is confirmed by the reporting party or by law enforcement once on scene. Data was pulled to see what the percentage was where an ambulance was not needed and found that 60-70% of them were not. A brief discussion took place and it was determined that TCOMM staff will do some research and bring those findings to the next Joint meeting taking place in December.

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PulsePoint Integration Feasibility – S. Brooks stated that PulsePoint is an App utilized on a cell phone to locate AEDs or alert that CPR is in progress. PulsePoint has been adopted by 11 western states for wildland fire location, which the app also tracks. The Washington State Chiefs have endorsed it and would like to evaluate the feasibility of implementation for Thurston County. He noted that there is a setup cost but was unsure what that was. A brief discussion took place and it was determined S. Brooks would do a bit more research on how implementation would work and will work with staff on logistics.

Meeting adjourned: With no further business or good of the order, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:39 pm.

Next Meeting: December 19, 2022 @ 1 pm Joint Ops/FLAC Meeting