

Thurston 911 Communications
Operations Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025 @ 1:00 P.M.

Meeting was held via Zoom and in person.

FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Hurley – Chair, Tumwater Fire Department
Brian VanCamp – Thurston County Fire District 8
Jennifer Schmidt – Lacey Fire District 3

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Almada – Vice-Chair, Lacey Police Department
Rob Carlson – Yelm Police Department
Adam Seig – Thurston County Sheriff's Office

TCOMM STAFF:

Wendy Hill – Executive Director
Jonnicia Elkins – Deputy Director
Tim Klotz – I.T. Manager
Bre Skaggs – Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Shawn Crimmins – FLAC Chair, Tumwater Fire Department
Leonard Johnson – McLane Black Lake Fire Department
Chris Patti – Lacey Fire District 3
Josh Ambrose – McLane Black Lake Fire Department

Call to Order

Operations Chair, B. Hurley called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Approval of the March 17, 2025 Agenda. **M/S/C (C. Patti/R. Almada)**

Approval of the December 12, 2024 Joint Operations/FLAC meeting minutes **M/S/C (R. Almada/C. Patti)**

Correspondence - None

Public Testimony - None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

I.T. Services – T. Klotz stated the Windows 11 upgrade continues at TCOMM and reminded agencies to update their mobiles to Windows 11 and Mobile Com 6. Central Square will be on site at TCOMM the first week of April to begin pre-staging of equipment and installing software for the new phone system. The State should be implementing the network towards the end of this month which will allow the vendor to test TCOMM's system.

Radio Systems – W. Hill stated the Radio Systems team and Motorola has been updating the VHF technology at all of the sites that need it. The VHF overlay cutover is scheduled for March 25th. Non-member agreements continue with more agencies requesting to join the system. Fire Station 82 site work is almost complete with Motorola doing a site check this week to assess what needs to be fixed. DuPont remains in temporary status

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but Motorola is still working to get the dig permit to make the space bigger and to accommodate a new backup generator. W. Hill also encouraged agencies to utilize the preventative maintenance program while there is still time.

FLAC Subcommittee Report – S. Crimmins advised agencies utilizing spare repair radios are encouraged to implement a tracking system that details in/out of service as well as what the repairs are for. FLAC also discussed the HIRL drill and opted to keep the April 9th date.

Old Business

None.

New Business

2024 Year in Review – W. Hill provided the Board with a 2024 year in review. Topics covered included total call volume, number of law/fire/EMS events dispatched, recruitment efforts, and more.

K-9 Response Notification – J. Elkins proposed a procedure update to the K-9 response notifications as follows: First to use your agency's on-duty K-9, then any agency's on-duty K-9, next is your agency's off duty K-9, then if no other options are available, dispatch will call out another agency's off-duty K-9. Implementation and notifications to be sent tomorrow. **M/S/C (R. Almada/R. Carlson)**

Prioritization of Comm Plans – S. Crimmins stated the prioritization suggestion is to use red, blue, and then green each and every time. This would allow for more field awareness in the middle of the night. No objections were made to the new plan. Notifications will be sent once the dispatch consoles have been updated.

BLS Unknown Injury CBD – S. Crimmins stated FLAC agreed to the request to return the BLS unknown injury back to red. No objections and the Board moved for an April 1st implementation. **M/S/C (J. Schmidt/B. VanCamp)**

2025 Proposed Ops Board Schedule – The Operations Board confirmed the proposed 2025 meeting schedule with no changes. **M/S/C (R. Almada/B VanCamp)**

Meeting adjourned: With no further business or good of the order, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm