Thurston 911 Communications
Operations Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2026 @ 1:00 P.M.

Meeting was held via Zoom and in person.

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:
Robert Almada –Chair, Lacey Police Department
Rob Carlson – Yelm Police Department
Ray Brady – Olympia Police Department

FIRE SERVICE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jennifer Schmidt – Vice Chair, Lacey Fire District 3
Hillory Flowers – Olympia Fire Department
Brian Hurley –Tumwater Fire Department
Leonard Johnson - McLane Black Lake Fire Department

TCOMM STAFF:
Wendy Hill – Executive Director
Jonnica Elkins – Deputy Director
Tim Klotz – I.T. Manager
David Taylor – Radio Systems Manager
Bre Skaggs – Admin Assistant

GUESTS:
Shawn Crimmins – FLAC Chair, Tumwater Fire Department
Eric Forsythe – American Medical Response
Todd Carson – Lacey Fire District 3
Chris Patti - Lacey Fire District 3

Call to Order
Operations Chair, R. Almada called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes
Approval of the June 15, 2026 agenda was approved with the addition of Budget Subcommittee Volunteers and Search Warrants. **M/S/C (H. Flowers/J. Schmidt)**
Approval of the April 20, 2026, minutes were approved. **M/S/C (J. Schmidt/H. Flowers)**

Correspondence – None

Public Testimony - None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

I.T. Services – T. Klotz stated Comcast will be working on the fiber optics tomorrow. This will impact USDD, MCT's, and ability to page via Active911.

Radio Systems – D. Taylor stated all but two DVRS units have been picked up. Once agencies have them installed Radio Systems will coordinate training and testing. The ERCES dashboard is still in progress for current operational sites. There are several large projects currently in progress: the Bald Hills site is in the engineering and budget phase of switching the site from all solar to commercial utility power. The Bucoda site shelter needs to be

replaced and upgraded to match all the other Motorola sites. There are some microwave additions to enhance backup capabilities and add links to the Bush Mountain hub.

FLAC Subcommittee Report – S. Crimmins stated FLAC had not met this month and the next scheduled meeting is set for August 11th.

Old Business

TCERN Update – W. Hill stated the contract with Motorola is almost completed. The white glove warranty on member agency equipment is extended to January 31st, 2029.

CentralSquare Phone System Update – J. Elkins provided the Board with a PowerPoint highlighting some of the new features offered with the new phone system.

New Business

4th of July – W. Hill stated the Fireworks information line will be available to the public again this year. This line will state what is and isn't allowed in each jurisdiction.

Budget Subcommittee Volunteers – W. Hill requested three volunteers from the Operations Board for the 2027 Budget Subcommittee. Meetings are typically held 1-2 times and will begin in September. L. Johnson, J. Schmidt, and R. Almada volunteered to participate.

Search Warrants – W. Hill reminded law enforcement agencies of TCOMM's public records requirements regarding search warrants. After discussion, R. Almada questioned why the law agencies don't record their search warrants instead of having dispatch do it. He stated they would discuss different options, such as utilizing body cameras, and report back at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: With no further business or good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2026 at 1:00 pm