

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHWEST CENTRAL DISPATCH SYSTEM, HELD IN THE MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE HALL, 50 SOUTH EMERSON, MOUNT PROSPECT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chief Scanlan called the meeting to order at 8:04 A.M.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Captain Mike Hernandez for Gerald Mourning (Arlington Heights Police Chief), Steve Casstevens (Buffalo Gove Police Chief), Terry Vavra (Buffalo Grove Fire Chief), Deputy Chief John Nowacki for Steve Schmidt (Elk Grove Village Police Chief), Rich Mikel (Elk Grove Village Fire Chief), Ted Bos (Hoffman Estates Acting Police Chief), Jeff Jorian (Hoffman Estates Fire Chief), Bob Haas (Inverness Police Chief), Tim Janowick (Mount Prospect Police Chief), John Malcolm (Mount Prospect Fire Chief), Al Stoeckel (Palatine Police Chief), Scott Andersen (Palatine Fire Chief), Hank Clemmensen (Palatine Rural Fire Chief), Deputy Chief Al Steffen for Jaime Dunne (Prospect Heights Police Chief), Dave Scanlan (Rolling Meadows Police Chief), Commander Dan Roach for Jim Lamkin (Schaumburg Police Chief), Dave Schumann (Schaumburg Fire Chief), Jim Gremo (Streamwood Police Chief), Chris Clark (Streamwood Fire Chief).

A quorum was present.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Arlington Heights Fire Department, Rolling Meadows Fire Department

NWCDS STAFF

Cindy Barbera-Brelle, Executive Director; Carole Urry, Assistant Director-Operations

ALSO ATTENDING

Larry Hanson, Project Manager Cook County CSTAT; Lt. Jason O'Malley, Cook County Sheriff's Police Department; Patrick Flannery, Policy Analyst Cook County Sheriff's Office, Doug Blenman and Helen Wiedenfeld, ID Networks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Chief Vavra, seconded by Chief Haas, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014, Regular Meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*

COOK COUNTY CSTAT PRESENTATION

Larry Hanson, the CSTAT Project Manager, talked about the benefits of Cook County and our member police departments working together to keep our neighborhoods safer. Lieutenant Jason O'Malley from the Cook County Sheriff's Police explained that they want to use everyone's CAD data to determine where the 'hot spots' of crime will occur within our communities with the hope of reducing criminal activity. He concluded with asking that the members sign and return the CSTAT Memorandum of Understanding as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Personnel Update

NWCDS and the Union held bargaining sessions on 8/7 and 8/28, and completed reviewing the Union's proposal. NWCDS and MAP bargaining teams are scheduled to meet again on 10/14 without Attorneys to discuss a comprehensive time off package. A meeting is also scheduled for October 31st.

Telecommunicator background checks for perspective hires are almost complete for 4 TC's. They are scheduled to start in October.

Active Grievances: 1 – for the assignment of Payback Hours. No activity since April.

Discipline

August: 7 Disciplinary Actions
 6 Oral Consultations for not completing assigned training bulletins.
 1 Written Reprimand – delayed fire dispatch.
September: 1 Written Reprimand – delayed fire dispatch.

CAD System

TC's are still experiencing performance problems. We are continuing to work with IDN to resolve this issue. An update applied last week was expected to resolve these issues and while there was some improvement, it did not resolve all of the problems. A Status meeting is being scheduled to determine what the next steps will be.

STARCOM Update

The STARCOM System is being upgraded to the 7.14 release. On September 23rd the IP Services and Core upgrades are scheduled to occur between 1800 and 1905. During this time period the Center will be operating in site trunking and will be using Control Stations. On September 25th the remote site network upgrade for our Zone will be done. Simulcast sites will be upgraded one site at a time. The upgrade for each site is expected to take no more than 90 seconds. Our Radio Consoles will be updated in November.

Subscriber Units

Police Department

The programming of all police department portable radios has been completed.

Fire Department

5 of the 10 Fire Departments have had their portables reprogrammed. Programming of the remaining fire department portables will be scheduled as the Departments indicate that they are ready.

PW Subscriber Units

Programming of Schaumburg's EPW portables will be scheduled when they indicate that they are ready.

Alarms

28 Alarms have been converted to radio since mid-July. There are 279 left to convert across 5 communities.

Console Replacement Project

Evans installers completed the installation of 8 consoles and 1 resource center. CAD, Radio and Telephone System workstations have been installed at 4 consoles and they are being manned. 14 of the 18 positions have been broken down. Phase 2 of the carpeting is scheduled to be completed next week along with the installation of the 10 remaining consoles and 2 resource centers.

New Business

FATPOT

Several of the Fire Departments have expressed an interest in FATPOT's CAD Fusion NG offering which supports a bi-directional CAD System interface. It has the potential to improve response notifications to and from non-NWCDS auto aid Fire Departments. We're working in conjunction with Lake County and Red Center on this project.

Old Business

Radio System Performance

On September 3rd several Fire Departments (Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and Streamwood) participated in testing and evaluating the portable radios and microphones with 70 different Motorola prepared scenarios.

Part 2 of the testing process will be to assess the audio difference between FDMA and TDMA. Motorola will be scheduling this testing at the end of September or the beginning of October. An October meeting to review the results of the Police and Fire Department testing is in the process of being scheduled. Additionally, Motorola has agreed to replace the Fire Department XE microphones with the new 3rd Generation microphones at no cost.

Cook County CSTAT Project

We have built a query internally and shared that with the County. They are requesting changes we may not be able to provide. We may be best served engaging ID Networks in the project so they could provide Cook County with a sampling of the data. It would have to be automated and we would need to submit an official written request to IDN, including developing a scope of work, determining the cost and timing for such and so they could have their programmers write the program.

Chief Scanlan was concerned about validating the data that is to be shared. Taking the data directly from CAD without review can lead to sending out information that we might not want to be shared.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chief Vavra, seconded by Chief Casstevens, to adjourn the meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 A.M.