



Northwest Central Dispatch System

1975 E. Davis Street
Arlington Heights, IL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHWEST CENTRAL DISPATCH SYSTEM, HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC, AND IN THE PALATINE VILLAGE HALL, 200 E. WOOD STREET, COMMUNITY ROOM B, PALATINE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Daryl Syre called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

ATTENDING

Nick Pecora (Arlington Heights Police Chief), Andrew Larson (Arlington Heights Fire Chief), Steve Casstevens* (Buffalo Grove Police Chief), Mike Baker (Buffalo Grove Fire Chief), Richard Mikel (Elk Grove Fire Chief), Kasha Cawley for Ted Bos (Hoffman Estates Police Chief), Pat Fortunato ((Hoffman Estates Fire Chief), Officer Mike Hish for Bob Haas (Inverness Police Chief), John Koziol (Mount Prospect Police Chief), Brian Lambel (Mount Prospect Fire Chief), David Daigle (Palatine Police Chief), Deputy Chief Pat Gratianna for Scott Anderson (Palatine Fire Chief), Jim Zawlocki (Prospect Heights Police Chief), Bill Wolf (Schaumburg Police Chief), Jim Walters (Schaumburg Fire Chief), and Chris Clark (Streamwood Fire Chief).

A quorum was present.

*Chief Casstevens arrived at 8:47 A.M.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Mick Fleming, Emergency Management Coordinator; *Doug Hoyt, Emergency Management Analyst

Doug Hoyt arrived at 8:43 A.M.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Buffalo Grove Fire, Rolling Meadows Police, Rolling Meadows Fire.

NWCDS PERSONNEL

John Ferraro, Executive Director; Kevin Diluia, Deputy Director-Operations; Brian Drake, Deputy Director-Support Services; Christine Zatz, Office Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Chief Daigle and seconded by Chief Mikel, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2020, Regular Meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Illinois Heart Rescue

Illinois Heart Rescue Association presented NWCDS a PSAP of the Year Award earlier this week. NWCDS has been working with Dr. Jordan from Northwest Community Hospital this past year. Dr. Jordan put together a system-wide training that included NWCDS' involvement with successful cardiac arrest treatment. NWCDS averaged 'Hands on Chest' compressions 71% of the time, compared to the national average of 49%.

John thanked Operations Manager Dan Sacomano (EMD/EFD Coordinator), who works under Kevin Diluia, Robin Chamberlain (Quality Assurance Specialist), who works under Training Manager Lauri Orwig, as well as the Telecommunicators for this achievement.

ECONOMIC ACTIONS

The full report is in the meeting packet, but John touched on some savings NWCDS made like cancelling or delaying several expenditures to offset the economic hardships caused by COVID19, eliminating Net Motion and staying with Radio IP, as well as cancelling several conferences.

As agreed to at the May 21, 2020, NWCDS/NWC911 Joint Board meeting, NWCDS has reduced member municipalities' assessments by fifty percent (50%) for the next four months (net savings of two assessment-free months). This began in June.

PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT

Wold has surveyed the parking lot and is assisting NWCDS with writing the RFP for the parking lot replacement. The RFP will be released before the end of July. A recommendation will be brought to the NWCDS/NWC911 Joint Board at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Radio IDs with New CAD

As previously discussed, the new CAD system will have integration with the portable radios. John asked the chiefs to decide if an officer or firefighter's name will automatically affiliate with a radio or require the officer or firefighter to enter the radio number manually when logging on. This should be consistent across the 11 police and fire departments, and consideration should be given to departments that don't assign one radio per person. Another consideration is taking measures to ensure that the radio ID number is not missed upon log-on.

Overall, the group preferred automatic logging in, but since some departments do not have one radio per officer or firefighter, Brian Drake was to check with Motorola to see if the radios could be programmed for auto logons for some and manual for those who need to share radios. While Brian checks, John asked the group to meet on it internally and decide what is best for their departments. A decision will be made at the September meeting.



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Travel questions for COVID-19

NWCDS Telecommunicators are asking questions about flu-like symptoms, if anyone has tested positive or quarantined in the household, and if anyone has traveled out of the State. There have been discussions at the Liaison committees, as well as with Doctor Jordan from Northwest Community Hospital that the travel question is no longer needed.

Moved by Chief Mikel and seconded by Chief Fortunato to remove the travel questions from the list of questions the Telecommunicators ask callers. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*

Talk Group Access Agreement – Harper College

Moved by Chief Daigle and seconded by Chief Wolf to allow Harper College to access Palatine Police and Fire and Schaumburg Police and Fire with Harper College Police Department. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

COVID19 and NWCDS v. Cook County

John explained that the Board moved to dismiss the case against Cook County, but filed a FOIA request with Illinois Department of Public Health to try to obtain address information to those infected with Covid19. Chief Lambel offered to contact Illinois Fire Chiefs and the AFFI (Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois) for additional backing to help with legislation and John stated that he will work with NENA and APCO legislative committee to see if additional language can be added to the 911 Law that expires December 2021.

New CAD/Police Records/Mobile Data – Update

John stated that each department needs to think about CAD/Records/Mobile Data training again and asked that the police and fire chiefs email him with when training can start, how long it will take, and when it will end at each department. It is understood that this is a tentative plan that could be impacted by another COVID-19 outbreak or poor demonstrations by Motorola.

Chief Wolf said that he would like to see Motorola's full Demo before he schedules training with his employees and John said the demo will occur in 2-weeks to a month.

Image Trend – Update

Overall Image Trend is going well and the fire departments are happy with the transition.

COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool

NWCDS launched a Covid-19 Assessment tool on the website and made the link available for the member communities.



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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chief Lambel and seconded by Chief Casstevens to adjourn the meeting.
Voice Vote: Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 A.M.