



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 IN THE PALATINE VILLAGE HALL, 200 E. WOOD STREET, COMMUNITY ROOM B, PALATINE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Brian Lambel called the meeting to order at 8:16 A.M.

ATTENDING

Nick Pecora (Arlington Heights Police Chief), Andrew Larson (Arlington Heights Fire Chief), Jim Kreher (Barrington Countryside Fire Chief), D/C Scott Eisenmenger for Steve Casstevens (Buffalo Grove Police Chief), Mike Baker (Buffalo Grove Fire Chief), Chuck Walsh (Elk Grove Police Chief), Richard Mikel (Elk Grove Fire Chief), Acting Chief Kasia Cawly (Hoffman Estates Police Chief), Paul Bilodeau (Hoffman Estates Acting Fire Chief), John Koziol (Mount Prospect Police Chief), Brian Lambel (Mount Prospect Fire Chief), David Daigle (Palatine Police Chief), Scott Anderson (Palatine Fire Chief), Rich May (Palatine Rural Fire Chief), Jim Zawlocki (Prospect Heights Police Chief), John Nowacki (Rolling Meadows Police Chief), Jeff Moxley (Rolling Meadows Fire Chief), Bill Wolf (Schaumburg Police Chief), Jim Walters (Schaumburg Fire Chief), Daryl Syre (Streamwood Police Chief), Chris Clark (Streamwood Fire Chief).

A quorum was present.

OTHERS ATTENDING

Elliot Rose, Schaumburg Police Officer.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Inverness Police

NWCDS PERSONNEL

John Ferraro, Executive Director; Kevin Diluia, Deputy Director-Operations; Brian Drake, Deputy Director-Support Services; Terri Svec, HR/Finance Manager; Christine Zatz, Office Manager; Lauri Orwig, Operations Manager-Training.

INTRODUCTIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Chief Clark and seconded by Chief Daigle to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021, Regular Meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Barrington

We have met with Barrington three (3) times over the last several weeks and Barrington's Board has approved police and fire officials working with NWCDS to join. Their formal approval process will occur in the next couple of months, at which point, we will bring to the NWCDS/NWC911 Joint Board for approval. There have been discussions with the NWCDS Chiefs that could be impacted by changes to existing talk-group assignments, and those Chiefs have been open to ideas about possible realignment. Obviously, the CAD/Records project is our main focus, but we will work on some options before formally presenting the Barrington membership request to the NWCDS/NWC911 Joint Board.

Holding the Air

The Police Liaison Committee would like to update this policy due to a situation last month where two communities were holding the air for the same incident. Deputy Director Diluia is working with the Operations Managers on this Directive and will bring it to the next Police Liaison meeting first, and then the next Executive Committee meeting for approval.

Activity in the Center

There have been a lot of high risk, low frequency type incidents in the center over the last couple of months. From large fires with fatalities to serious traffic accidents, our Telecommunicators have performed well under the worst of circumstances. We have received appreciation during the police and fire liaison meetings, and we always share the feedback we receive with the Telecommunicators. Deputy Director Diluia arranged a critical incident stress debriefing with a certified Illinois team member for staff members interested in attending. Our peer support program remains a good option for Telecommunicators who just need to talk.

NEW BUSINESS

Point-of-Contact (Updated List) - Update

John included an updated point of contact list which added Julie Nistler and our newest Operations Manager, Erin Eaton.

CAD/Records/Mobile Data Go-Live Plan - Report

John explained that the Go-Live Plan is in the meeting packet as a draft because it's a work in progress and constantly being updated. He stressed for everyone to review it and explained how troubleshooting will be handled throughout all communities, which is also in the packet.



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OLD BUSINESS

New CAD/Police Records/Mobile Data - Update

In the last sixty (60) days, a lot has been accomplished. There were successful records demos/trainings for all of the police departments, which were recorded for later reference. The SSRS Subcommittee has met and designed some reports and the fire departments have participated in two (2) road testing exercises. The police departments have trained their civilian and police officer users. NWCDS has conducted additional training sessions, as well as one-on-one refreshers. Extensive testing has been completed.

Converting ID Networks records data into the Motorola system has proven to be the most complex. Mapping disparate fields from the two (2) systems has taken more time than expected, and each test batch of data has contained errors that needed to be fixed. The internal team continues to meet with Motorola multiple times a day to make sure data conversion is where it needs to be for go-live.

New CAD and Stats (Premise Checks, Traffic Stops, etc.)

John presented the comparable statistics and community assessments with premise checks and without them, explaining that we will continue to monitor throughout the year. He asked that the Chiefs review the numbers as we go into the new CAD system and determine if a change is needed.

Radio Changes/Radio Subcommittee - Update

John reminded the Committee to make sure they budget for future replacements of portable radios, as they will reach end of life in the coming years. An idea that came up at the fire liaison meeting is to have NWCDS submit an RFP for one bulk purchase for the member communities, saving money, providing standardization of equipment, and helping control trouble-shooting of issues. The Committee agreed that having NWCDS be the main purchaser is a good idea, but does not want to rush into any commitments because the radios are working well. Chief Mikel suggested there may be grant money available for portable radio purchase in the future as well.

Everbridge Committee - Update

Policy and Procedures are being updated and will be brought to the Committee in the coming weeks.

NWCDS vs. Cook County - No Update

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chief Mikel and seconded by Chief Clark to adjourn the meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 A.M.