



## Northwest Central Dispatch System

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### 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, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Alan Wax called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

#### **ATTENDING**

Nick Pecora (Arlington Heights Police Chief), Lance Harris (Arlington Heights Fire Chief), Dave Dorn (Barrington Police Chief), John Christian (Barrington Fire Chief), Brian Budds (Buffalo Grove Police Chief), D/C Larry Kane for Mike Baker (Buffalo Grove Fire Chief), Chuck Walsh (Elk Grove Police Chief), Richard Mikel (Elk Grove Fire Chief), Kasia Cawley (Hoffman Estates Police Chief), Alan Wax (Hoffman Estates Fire Chief), Bob Haas (Inverness Police Chief), Mike Eterno (Mount Prospect Police Chief), D/C Tom Wang for John Dolan (Mount Prospect Fire Chief), Dave Daigle (Palatine Police Chief), Pat Gratziana (Palatine Fire Chief), Bill Caponigro (Prospect Heights Police Chief), John Nowacki (Rolling Meadows Police Chief), Pete Sutter (Rolling Meadows Fire Chief), Bill Wolf (Schaumburg Police Chief), Jim Walters (Schaumburg Fire Chief), Daryl Syre (Streamwood Police Chief), Mike Meyer (Streamwood Fire Chief).

A quorum was present.

#### **OTHERS ATTENDING**

Mick Fleming, JEMS Director

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Barrington Countryside Fire

#### **NWCDS PERSONNEL**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Syre, Chief Walsh, and Chief Haas each announced his retirement and Executive Director Ferraro thanked the Chiefs for their guidance throughout their time with Northwest Central. Those in attendance congratulated the chiefs with a round of applause.



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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Chief Daigle and seconded by Chief Haas to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

#### **Hiring and Personnel Matters**

Another large scale testing will take place on March 30th and again in August. Currently the Center is down two people with a few more retirements expected this year.

#### **State of Illinois Update**

While the FCC has released language regarding allowable expenses for 9-1-1 surcharge money, the 9-1-1 Statewide Administrator has released a chart with specifics that looks to further limit the allowable expenses.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Elevator Laws: Changes and Impacts/Information Only – No Vote**

John explained that the elevator laws are changing for new or refurbished elevators, more than 2 stories, requiring 2-way video communications. He also stated that it would be extremely difficult for Northwest Central to have to monitor these elevators, but noted that there are companies whose focus is monitoring video communications.

#### **Talk Group Realignment Subcommittee: Recommendation/Approval – Voice Vote**

One of the first and most important steps with adding Wheeling to NWCDS is determining Talk Group alignment and which departments work together on each. To that end, the Talk Group Realignment Subcommittee met on February 22, 2023, and reviewed talk time statistics, CAD activity, and other operational factors.

John brought the recommendation to the Executive Committee for approval by the Chiefs and will provide the information to the NWCDS/NWC911 Joint Board, immediately following the Executive Committee meeting.

Moved by Chief Pecora and seconded by Chief Caponigro to approve the Talk Group realignment as presented in the Meeting Packet and discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting, and recommend approval from the NWCDS/NWC911 Joint Board following this meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **New CAD/RMS/Mobile Data –Update**

There was a problem with the records conversion from ID Networks to Motorola, and it was discovered that several hundred records do not contain arrest information. This impacts every police department. After Motorola investigated, they determined that older records that were converted from PIMS to ID Networks mapped the data to different tables than the records that originated in ID Networks. ID Networks is not



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willing to do anything else with the data. Motorola converted the records utilizing the process that we certified by reviewing test data. We know the data is there and Dan Kent is working on producing a solution.

### **Portable Radio Subcommittee – Update**

We are working with vendors to plan a “tech” day at Harper College in May. Members of the subcommittee and other interested NWCDS member department personnel will be able to look at different models of portable radios to assist with the eventual RFP-writing process. There will be other public-safety related vendors also demonstrating products. A survey was sent to determine which products have the most interest in order to invite the appropriate vendors.

Brian Drake wanted to make the Chiefs aware that there is a need from other entities like ILEAS to purchase some of the old portable radios, perhaps at a trade-in value.

### **Backup 800MHz Radio System**

John stated that there are two bids for the backup radio system and that he will be bringing them to the Board for approval following the Executive Committee meeting.

### **Live 9-1-1 Product – Update**

The Schaumburg Police Department continues the beta-test trial with the Live 9-1-1 application and the tool has been better than anticipated. If the Police Departments wish to purchase this, the cost is about \$94,000 a year, but has not been calculated into the 2023 budget. NWCDS might be able to make some budget adjustments, but nothing has been determined as of yet. John asked the Chiefs to talk it over with their staffs to gauge interest.

### **EMS4 (Code 4 for EMS Incidents) – Approval/Voice Vote**

Moved by Chief Mikel and seconded by Chief Wax to approve the EMS4 (Code 4 for EMS Incidents) as presented in the meeting packet. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.*

### **DuPage Talk Group Agreement – Update**

Talks continue with Linda Zerwin, Dupage County’s ETSB Director.

### **JEMS**

Mick talked about how there are notices of emergency management grant money, but often we would not be eligible. He also touched on Incident Management to be discussed more in the JEMS meeting later that morning.



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Chief Caponigro announced that Prospect Heights is hosting a training session as a Town Hall type meeting on Monday, March 20, which will count as training hours.

Chief Wax reminded everyone about National Telecommunicator Week taking place April 9 – April 15, and is organizing meals to be brought in to all of the shifts during the first couple of days of TC Week.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Chief Walsh and seconded by Chief Daigle to adjourn the meeting. *Voice Vote: Motion Carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 A.M.