

Eaton County Emergency Communications
Fire/EMS Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2018
1900 hours

MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 1902 hrs.

Present:

Phillip Miller	Windsor Twp Emergency Services
William Fabijancic, Jr	Windsor Twp Emergency Services
Tim James	Sunfield Fire & Benton Township Fire
Ryan Lundquist	Potterville Fire
Townsend Montgomery	Potterville Fire
Roger McNutt	Eaton Rapids Fire
Jeff Wetzel	Vermontville Fire
Dan Flory	Vermontville Fire
Gregg Ginebaugh	Delta Fire
Michael Roman	Delta Fire
John Truba	Eaton Area EMS
Tom Owen	Olivet Fire
Tyger Fullerton	Charlotte Fire
Rodney VanDeCastele	Grand Ledge Fire
Francis D’Huyvetter	Hamlin Twp Fire
Michael Armitage	Central Dispatch Director
Ryan Wilkinson	Emergency Manager

Introduction of New Members and Guests – Gregg Ginebaugh, Delta Fire Chief.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of the August 2018 Meeting – Motion to approve the minutes was made by Phil Miller and seconded by Mike Roman. Motion carried.

Old Business

Report from Emergency Communications Subcommittee – Phil Miller reviewed the minutes to the December meeting.

Central Dispatch Operational Report –

- Our four newest dispatchers in training are on the fire/EMS side now.
- Last month dispatch had a 7 1/2 % jump in call volume due to weather.
- Dispatch worked with IT to get a traffic incident map for the public. Over 5,000 views so far.
- Michael discussed future integration he would like to see for the public.
- Deputy Director interviews are tomorrow with seven candidates. Michael is hoping for a start date around March 1.
- Michael will be out of the office for the next two weeks attending 911 Goes to Washington and the Interoperability Conference. He will be available by phone/text/email and supervisors are on site, as always.

Central Dispatch Project Updates

Radio projects going as planned with some challenges. The Sunfield shelter is finally in place, but the tower will have to be completed manually without a crane. The Fox 47 tower is the last major project still lingering. Licenses have been submitted to the federal government. The government shutdown does affect the FCC. The State has not scheduled dates for train the trainer classes. We would like to be trained in the spring. We have enough Eaton County people to fill two classes.

NG911 process starts March 5th moving from copper to IP network to allow more data transfer. The process will take about a year to complete.

Siren project – Pottersville was completed today. Olivet, Hamlin Twp and Eaton Rapids still need to be done.

Fire Chief Association Report

Mike Roman reviewed the minutes to the January meeting. MABAS will be discussed at the next meeting and maybe at a special meeting in March with Brian Ball. We are trying to get some vests with Ryan too. Tri County EMS has a new manager as Michelle Harper is retiring. Training was discussed too. The full-scale exercise will probably have to be moved to June 18th due to the snow days. There is a meeting next week for the planning side of the full-scale exercise.

New Business

Elections

John Collins is the current Chairman of this committee. Phil Miller nominated Roger McNutt for Chairman and William Fabijancic seconded. Motion carried.

Roger McNutt is the current Vice Chairman of this committee. Roger McNutt nominated Phil Miller and Bill Fabijancic seconded. Motion carried.

John Truba is the current Secretary of this committee. Mike Roman nominated John Truba to remain Secretary of this committee and William Fabijancic seconded. Motion carried. John accepted, but noted that he may not be here the second half of the year due to retirement.

Current CDC representatives are John Clark, William Fabijancic and Phil Miller. Mike Roman offered to be a CDC rep to replace John Clark and Phil and William offered to remain CDC representatives. Motions were made and motions carried.

Current CDC alternates are Mike Roman, Roger McNutt and John Collins. Phil nominated Rodney VanDeCastele and William supported. Phil nominated Tim James and Gregg Ginebaugh supported. Roger McNutt agreed to remain as a CDC alternate. Motions carried.

Round Table Discussion

Miller – He wondered if anyone else has noticed the soft volume when the tones drop? Michael said he would look into it, but that it was most likely a training issue.

Armitage – Cutover meeting on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Roman – They are hiring paramedics and firefighters full-time right now.

VanDeCastele – He thanked everyone for responding to the fire at Sundance Chevrolet January 19.

Wilkinson – He gave an update on the EOC training coming up and the weather that has kept him busy. April 23 from 9:00 a.m. to noon is a meeting in the EOC for public officials. The public safety committee approved the grant for the vests so it will go on to the Region 1 committee for approval. He will send out flyers for the upcoming training.

Truba – Thanked Ryan for the weather information he has been receiving.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 1900 hrs.