

# Central Dispatch Committee

## Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2008

1400 hours

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Steve Leese and April Heinze, ECCD  
Brian Peacock, ECSD  
Ed Hay and Chris Kelenski, MSP Post 11  
Paul Malewski, ERPD  
Dan Spagnuolo, GLPD  
Vic Hilbert, DFD  
John Truba, CEMS/EEMS  
Casey Godlewski, GLFD/GLEMS  
LeRoy Hummel, CFD  
Paul Weiss, OPD

### **Introduction of New Members and Guests - None**

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2007 meeting was made by Dan and seconded by Vic. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment - None**

### **Old Business**

#### Law Enforcement Committee Report (Dan)

- No quorum for January meeting
- No elections were held
- Towing complaint heard
- Codespear discussed
- MIOC Fusion Center

#### Fire/EMS Committee Report (John)

- Elections at February meeting
- Codespear licenses discussed

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### ECCD Operational Report (Steve)

- Act 126 – created due to the passing of the House Bills
- Baseline Hwy addressing problems – Calhoun rethinking decision now due to appeals
- Staffing update – Currently down two dispatchers
- Training – A lot of training scheduled for the dispatchers using ETSC training money
- Lakewood EMS is being dispatched by Barry County, not Ionia County

Steve explained that our dispatch center is not requesting a phone surcharge since we are run by a millage. The 29 cent charge on landline phones will be decreased to 19 cents now since money will be collected on cell phones and other devices. This money goes into a statewide fund, not our County fund. The Counties getting a phone surcharge have to be approved with the MPSC. The County can only go up 2.7% more than they collected in the previous year. MPSC is denying those who ask for more.

### New Business

**Millage** – The millage renewal for Central Dispatch will be on the November 2008 ballot as opposed to the primary in August. There are pros and cons about having the renewal in the November general election. It will be a straight renewal with no increase or decrease in amount. Steve and April are willing to speak with groups and hold tours for public education about 911. John suggested having the members of this committee sign a letter of support for the millage renewal closer to the election. Steve felt this would be a great idea and stated that the millage couldn't pass without the support of the agencies we serve.

**Budget** – Steve provided handouts on the 08/09 Central Dispatch budget. He has budgeted for OPS CAD out of our computer fund, which will allow agencies to access CAD from the internet. Agencies would be able to pull numbers and reports from it. It would also be used during emergencies in the EOC.

**Codespear** – Loren will learn from Paul Fabiano about Codespear and radio hook up. Paul Fabiano will be retiring soon and Delta Fire felt someone from Central Dispatch should learn what Paul has been doing with Codespear.

**Elections** – While elections were going to be postponed because the LEC didn't have elections due to a lack of a quorum at their last meeting, members of the LEC present felt it would be OK to hold elections now for this Committee. Motion to keep **John Truba Chairman** was made by Vic and Brian. Motion carried. Motion to keep **Dan Spagnuolo Vice Chairman** was made by Brian and LeRoy. Motion carried. Motion to keep **LeRoy Hummel Secretary** was made by Vic and Paul M. Motion carried.

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### **Equipment Updates –**

The Telerad radio enhancement project is in progress. Equipment currently at Rumsey Hill will be moved to Dispatch so it can be monitored more closely. The foundation for the shelter in Vermontville will be replaced.

TeleRad has offered us service for one year for about 10% of what we're currently paying because they want our Motorola business. While there haven't been any problems with M/A Com and TeleRad's response time would be a little longer, Steve thinks it's worth considering. We could have them take over everything M/A Com is servicing. Our service agreement obligation to M/A Com is month by month and we can cancel with 30 day notice. Steve has talked with M/A Com about TeleRad's proposal and they understand. Steve will probably compare pricing and get bids.

A grant from Region 1 will allow all radios to be reprogrammed or replaced so they have the same channels. Steve is currently working on getting all of the information from the agencies.

### **Round Table Discussion**

Vic – Paul Fabiano's last day is next Friday and there will be a reception for him from 3-5pm. Dawn O'Brien will take over Paul's inspector duties.

Paul M – His agency is hosting a Domestic Violence class April 8, from 8-5 and lunch is included. He has four remaining spots that he is offering to dispatchers. Paul told about the 7 year old girl from Eaton Rapids who called 911 for her Dad. She was taught how to dial 911 from Safetytown. TV 6 and the Lansing State Journal recently did a story on it and Steve is nominating her for the Michigan NENA Hero award.

**Next Meeting Notice** – It was agreed to keep the meeting date and time the same, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March, June, September and December at 2pm. The next meeting is June 19 at 2pm.

**Adjournment-** Motion was made at 3pm