

Law Enforcement Committee

Notes

Tuesday, 1-16-08

Call to Order and Roll Call

Jeff Campbell, Brian Peacock, and Jeff Warder – ECSD
Joe Thomas – MSP
Dan Spagnuolo - GLPD

Introduction of New Members and Guests

Larry McNair of Countryside Towing was in attendance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes to the October 2007 meeting was made by Joe and seconded by Jeff.

Public Comment

Mr. McNair asked why his towing company, Countryside, is not getting business in the Charlotte area. He wondered if they had been taken off the wrecker rotation for the Charlotte area. He has had no tow for Charlotte since Nov 2007. He said when he asks dispatch why they're not calling him they tell him he's next on the list. But when he listens to the scanner he believes other companies are being chosen over his. He wondered if there was a problem with the wrecker rotation in the new OSSI system. Steve stated that he would check and discuss further after the meeting.

Old Business

Dan and Steve gave a brief review of the last CDC meeting.

April gave a report of dispatch staffing and training:

- Dispatch staffing is currently down one dispatcher.
- Background work is currently being done by ECSD. Brian gave an update.
- Dispatcher Mary Lamson is retiring at the end of this month.
- One dispatcher is currently in a retraining program.
- The CTO program will be changing from Yukelis to DeWolfe this year.
- Steve, April and Jackie will attend IC-300 and 400 classes in Alabama

New Business

Complaints regarding Andy's Big Tow

Steve received three complaints and found they are all unsubstantiated. The only violation he can find is that there is not a sign that it was a storage lot. He spoke with the owner of Andy's Big Tow and was assured they'd get a sign. Steve stated that in order to be able to enforce the wrecker policy he needs complaints in writing.

Steve reported that 410 & 411 legislation successfully passed. These don't pertain to Eaton County because we're millage but other counties only running on phone charges now will receive money from wireless phones. Phone companies will distribute money quarterly to the counties. These will sunset in 2009.

The Codespear account is set up for dispatch. Aaron Brown has built specialized teams in it for ECSD. Steve would like to make Codespear available to fire chiefs in case our paging system goes down. Currently email and text message pagers aren't working because of the server in Livingston County.

Brian reported that ECSD has contracted with Oneida Twp for extra patrols. Brian requested the units working for this special contract be given a unique name designator in CAD so when they do stats they can differentiate between regular patrol and the contracted patrol. April stated she would do this. Brian stated that the contracted patrol can be used if necessary to assist GLPD but have been told not to patrol the city unless requested to do so.

Dan gave an update on the MIOC Fusion Center. He gave April information MIOC would like dispatch centers to have to explain codes on the NCIC hits. Dan stated that MIOC could like dispatch centers involved with what they're doing. The MIOC Fusion Center is located at MSP Headquarters and has MSP, law enforcement, FBI and others together to share information, intelligence, etc.

April asked that the deputies use their MCT to SI themselves to a vacation check. This will give dispatch all the information they need without going over the radio. Dispatch is finding that if they check out over the radio they don't say the address and Records is currently entering vacation checks with the ECSD address. Have the officer self initiate the call on their MCT. April noted that dispatch could tell where they're at with the AVL but it may not be exact. Dan mentioned that AVLs aren't working on 2 of their cars.

April stated that some officers aren't checking in and out of service correctly. Dispatch is finding they have to instruct some. Some officers are logging themselves off during their shift and it takes them off of our screen in dispatch totally. Jeff stated that it's probably because they have to log off the MCT if they want to see anything from the office. Jeff felt there should be a prompt message on the MCT asking them what they want to do. He asked to have Loren check to see if there's a glitch showing and not showing people on

duty/off duty. Dan agreed with Jeff that it could be a computer problem. He stated the Officer McGillis logs off his MCT but the computer in the office shows he's still on.

Steve reported that Telerad is doing the radio simulcast upgrade. This means we'll have two radio vendors working on one system which is not ideal. Steve recently got a proposal from Telerad to maintain all of the equipment and it's about 1/10th of what we're paying M/A Com now for the first year. They're doing this in hopes for a long term service relationship with Eaton County. Steve is inclined to take their offer because it would save the County \$50,000 in the first year. He's taking this to the CDC. He stated that we wouldn't give them all of the equipment M/A Com services, just the simulcast part.

April had an example of an incident with no report number. She asked the group to make sure officers are asking dispatch to spawn a number or make sure they're spawning their own numbers.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe and Dan. Motion carried.

The next Law Enforcement Committee meeting will be WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008, AT 2PM