

# Eaton County Emergency Communications Law Enforcement Subcommittee

## Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021  
At 1100 hrs, in person & Zoom meeting

**Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chairman Weeks called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Members:**

Chief Larry Weeks, ERPD  
Chief Richard Barry, PPD  
Undersheriff Jeff Cook, ECSO  
Captain Christopher Kuhlman, ECSO  
Chief Paul Brentar, CPD  
Lt. Chris Blievernicht, GLPD  
Lt. Brian Oleksyk, MSP  
Lt. Aric Dowling, MSP

**Non-Members:**

Kelley Cunningham, ECCD  
Rod Sadler, ECEM

**Introduction of New Members and Guests** – Everyone introduced themselves.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes to the July meeting was made by Chris Blievernicht and Paul Brentar seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Report from Central Dispatch Committee** – Chris Blievernicht reviewed the minutes from the September meeting.

**Central Dispatch Operational Report (Kelley)**

- There are four dispatchers currently in training; two have prior dispatching experience.
- Oral board interviews were held yesterday to fill one open position.
- A date will be set a date for oral board interviews and the formation of a hiring committee for the deputy director position. The posting is an external and internal posting.

## **Central Dispatch Project Updates (Kelley)**

- Ingham County's cutover on the MPSCS radio system on September 7, 2021
- Clinton County plans to cutover on the MSPCS radio system in December 2021.
- Kelley made the group aware that law enforcement talk groups were removed from fire and EMS radios during the last update due to it being a violation of the CJIS/LEIN rules.
- Kelley is working on getting encryption keys for the radios. She explained that if you recently had a radio update the three encryption keys were not installed. Every radio needs to be touched to install them. The three encryption keys will give us Calhoun County talk groups and event channels I and J. The plan is to install these three encryption keys in radio during preventative maintenance.
- Kelley asked the group if there were any issues getting the WTs updated and no one said there was.

## **New Business**

Dynamic Talk groups – John Imeson was unable to attend the meeting today to discuss this topic but Kelley gave an overview of what he wanted to discuss.

Some agencies use dynamic talk groups, like the jail, and some do not. Kelley and John would like to propose doing away with dynamic talk groups but they would like feedback on who uses them and for what purpose by the next meeting in January 2022.

Kelley stated that if we decide to keep them, everyone would need to have the same set up on their radio templets so everyone is familiar with the radio channel set up. Kelley stated that she would also ask John Imeson to send out an email explaining what he wanted to talk about at this meeting today regarding dynamic talk groups.

Aric Dowling stated that he used to do the sergeant training on dynamic zones so he understands how they are set up and how they should be used. Kelley stated that the problem is that some people rely on their dynamic zone set up and do not know how to get to the other channels on their radio like TAC 2.

## **OTHER**

Chris Kuhlman proposed moving status checks on routine traffic stops from three minutes back to seven minutes. He stated that his department is in support of moving them back to seven minutes. Larry Weeks stated that this subcommittee discussed this thoroughly a year ago and much thought was given to change the status checks on traffic stop from seven minutes to three minutes. Paul Brentar stated that his department wants them at three minutes or even shorter than three minutes. Brian Oleksyk and Aric Dowling agreed with keeping them at three minutes.

Jeff Cook asked Kelley if status checks have to be done at the same time across the board for all agencies. Kelley explained that they are done by nature codes so they have to be

the same for all agencies. Kelley stated that maybe that feature is available in other CAD systems that we will start shopping for in the future.

Kelley also stated that the weighmaster or any deputy/officer on a routine traffic stop could ask to get their status checks reset for 30 minutes or whatever they want.

Chris Blievernicht stated that there used to be a button on the old MCTs to reset a status check. He wondered if there was an option for a button on the MDTs. Kelley will ask Nathan if the MCTs are capable of this.

Richard Barry wondered if we could have some sort of procedure to automatically go to TAC 2 for prolonged incidents that tie up the main police radio. He gave the example of police main being tied up for four hours last night for a track. He would like to bring this up at the next meeting and make a goal to start using TAC 2. Kelley stated that initially that was the goal to use TAC 2, but she and Michael received push back to move incidents off main so she has not been pushing it on dispatch to have units go off main. Larry Weeks stated that he thought there was a dispatch procedure already for TAC 2. Kelley stated there is, but it is very broad.

Jeff Cook was concerned about officers having to switch channels and fiddling with the radio going to a hot call. Paul Brentar agreed and expressed his concerns. Paul thought we had an understanding about a dispatched situation versus an evolving situation. Paul thought that maybe a differentiation between the two would nail it down. Richard Barry agreed that if it is an evolving situation then no, do not switch, but do switch when you are dispatched and you know what you are responding to. Kelley will pull up the notes from the radio meeting to refresh and review and will be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

Chairman Larry Weeks summarized that we would discuss dynamic zones and try to gain clarity on use of the TAC 2 for the next meeting on January 19, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:40 a.m. by Paul Brentar and Chris Blievernicht seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 1/19/22 at 11 a.m.