

Eaton County Emergency Communications Law Enforcement Subcommittee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 1400 hrs

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Lt. Lisa Rish, MSP
Chief Larry Weeks, ERPD
Lt. Chris Blievernicht, GLPD
Chief Shane Bartlett, PPD
Undersheriff Jeff Cook, ECSO
Michael Armitage, ECCD
Ryan Wilkinson, EM

Introduction of New Members and Guests: None

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes to the July 2018 meeting was made by Lisa Rish and seconded by Chris Blievernicht. Motion carried. The October 2018 meeting did not have a quorum.

Old Business

Report from Central Dispatch Committee: (Blievernicht)

Chris reviewed the minutes to the December 2018 meeting.

Central Dispatch Operational Report: (Michael)

- Michael reviewed two incidents last week in the County. He felt that communication during the incident with ECSO on Five Point Hwy went well. Jeff Cook thanked dispatch. For the Charlotte incident, Michael felt things went well other than EMS staging.
- Michael was asked if an after action review is usually done for dispatch after an incident. Michael stated that there is to an extent. When emergency management was involved in the Hamlin Twp incident they did an after action report and one is done usually at a supervisor meeting.

- Michael would like a broader discussion as far as alerting the public in police situations. Dispatch tries to balance sending out alerts without compromising the investigation. The incident on Five Point Highway had more alerts than the Charlotte incident. Lisa Rish said she received alerts from both of the incidents and felt they were appropriate. Michael stated that currently there is not a policy in place on it. He doesn't want to have a mishap like what occurred recently in Ingham County. Larry Weeks said he appreciates in when dispatch takes the initiative to put information out. Lisa Rish suggested Michael create a policy for it. She also suggested dispatch and the PIO on scene work together.
- There are currently four new dispatchers in training and they are all doing well.
- The deputy director opening was extended until January 20. So far, Michael feels there are about 8-10 qualified applicants to consider.

Central Dispatch Projects:

Radio Project – On Monday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m., the first cutover meeting will be held at Central Dispatch to discuss a whole range of topics but Michael would like to finalize templates and focus on the process of getting things cut over such as training and what departments are cut over when.

Michael feels law enforcement departments will be easy with the patch and he does not believe anyone will have to carry two radios. The plan is to start testing in May.

Testing will be in June and involves every square mile of the county to test a portable at indoor coverage. To create an indoor coverage environment, material is put around a car antenna to dampen it to mimic being inside a building. Representatives from police, fire and EMS will be needed to validate the test. Testing will also be done in 20 buildings chosen around the county so start thinking what buildings in your area you would like to test such as schools, hospitals, the jail, etc.

One caveat to the radio project is the federal government shut down. The FCC is not taking any new license applications right now.

PFN for the NG911 – Dispatch will be switching from AT&T to PFN in March for the NG911. You will not notice the difference but the audio quality will be different in dispatch. We are also going with a different text to 911 platform.

School Safety Grant – Michael and Ryan just received notice of this this week. The application period starts February 1, 2019 and ends March 1, 2019. We need to keep in mind that the RAVE panic grant expires in March of 2020. The grant has to be applied for by the Eaton ISD or school districts. Michael did not think the grant was renewable, that we need to start from scratch.

Jeff Cook wondered if we had stats to show the value of the program, how effective it's been, have there been any false alarms, how many licenses are being used from the ones that we purchased, is there another system that is better since five years ago? Michael stated that we do have stats we can look at. Larry Weeks stated that Eaton Rapids Hospital purchased their own RAVE to tie into the County's RAVE. That would be something to consider when deciding to stay with RAVE or go with another vendor. Ryan stated that he feels this year has been a turning point for schools as far as using RAVE.

It was suggested to test the new radios during the active shooter training on June 12 in Eaton Rapids. Everyone agreed that this would be a good opportunity.

CJIS Security Policy – Regarding the issue with LEIN information in our CAD notes, LEIN gave us their blessing that we are good now with our solution. Michael is still working on issues with the audit. Larry Weeks wondered if direct messaging is okay. Michael said yes. There was discussion about the new version of the MCTs. When the driver's license is swiped, it doesn't populate the e-citation. You can swipe to run LEIN okay, but it doesn't populate the e-citations.

New Business

Elections – The 2018 Chairman for this committee is Larry Weeks, the Vice Chair is Jeff Cook, and the secretary is Shane Bartlett. Lisa Rish moved to keep everyone the same for 2019 and Chris Blievernicht seconded. Motion carried.

The 2018 representatives to the Central Dispatch Committee are Chris Blievernicht and Lisa Sherman. The alternates are Lisa Sherman and Shawn Garcia. Jeff Cook made the motion to keep them all the same for 2019 and Lisa Rish seconded. Motion carried.

Michael asked if the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee should be invited to attend these meetings. They're not a member and traditionally they did not attend until Commissioner Whittum and Commissioner Austin began attending. There was discussion regarding these meetings now being a subcommittee of the public safety meeting and they are not open to the public. The committee felt that he/s she is welcome to attend, but don't want him/her to feel obligated to attend.

Chairman Weeks asked if 2:00 p.m. works for everyone to attend this meeting. Everyone felt it should be held after the Chief's meeting, since it's always on the same day. The Chief's meetings are at 9:00 a.m. Jeff Cook made the motion to change the time of this meeting to 11:00 a.m. and Lisa Rish seconded. Motion carried.

Other

Ryan – ICS 300 classes will be March 11 and 12 and ICS 400 classes will be May 6 and 7 in the EOC room. ICS 300 does have prerequisites to it. They're all online and self-paced. Ryan will offer these classes again in the fall on the weekends.

Ryan is also offering unmanned ariel system information only on May 16, using drones for disasters. There was discussion about MSP's drones and the use of drones.

Ryan reminded agencies that there are homeland security grant funds available but it has to be law enforcement terrorist related, not response related. There was discussion. Ryan said he had tried to purchase countywide trauma bags but FEMA denied the request because its response based.

Ryan also discussed the school safety grant. There is an EOP that the emergency manager has to sign off on as well as the school official and the law enforcement chief. Notice of funding opportunity is all that has come out right now on this grant. This grant would cover door barriers and alarms. Marshall public schools got one million dollars from this grant. For this grant, the school is the grant writer, not us.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Rish and seconded by Chris Blievernicht. This meeting ended at 3pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at **1100 hrs.**