

Eaton County Emergency Communications Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 16, 2021 @ 1000 hrs

Call to Order and Roll Call – 10:00 hrs

Phillip Miller, WTES
William Fabijancic, WTES
Kelley Cunningham, ECCD
Jeff Cook, ECSO
Chris Blievernicht, GLPD
Paul Brentar, CPD

Others in Attendance -

Rod Sadler, Emergency Services Planner
John Fuentes, Eaton County Controller

Introduction of New Members and Guests – None.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of the June 2021 Meeting – Motion to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes was made by William Fabijancic and seconded by Paul Brentar. Motion carried.

Old Business

Law Enforcement Subcommittee Report – Chris Blievernicht gave an update of the July 2021 meeting.

Fire/EMS Subcommittee Report – William Fabijancic gave an update on the August 2021 meeting. Kelley had asked agencies to let her know if they would like Central Dispatch to participate in their open house during fire prevention week and Michael announced his resignation from Eaton County effective August 30, 2021 to become the Executive Director for Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority.

Central Dispatch Operational Report – (Kelley)

Longtime dispatcher Sandra Yarger's last day is today. She is starting a career in the medical field.

Dispatch currently has two dispatchers in training and two applicants in the hiring process, both with experience. There is a job posting out now for another telecommunicator position.

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Chairman Miller asked John Fuentes to give an update on the Central Dispatch Director's position. Mr. Fuentes stated that he received a small pool of applicants after a statewide and nationwide posting. He stated that there will be an interview panel consisting of this committee's Chairman, Phil Miller; two members of the Board of Commissioners, Sheriff Reich and himself tentatively on Thursday, September 23.

Central Dispatch Project Updates – (Kelley)

The FCC fee diversion strike force meets tomorrow regarding what can be purchased from 911 surcharge money from phone companies. She will update the committee as she learns more.

The Michigan Communication Director's Association (MCDA) is working on state legislation regarding the 911 Enabling Act that expires the end of this year. They are studying a possible increase in the pre pay surcharge on phones.

The Cities of Eaton Rapids and Charlotte are joining our RAVE Alert account.

Ingham County's went live on the State's MPSCS radio system last week. John Imeson will be updating radios and Chrouch will be doing preventative maintenance on the radios. Ingham County's encryption key is different from ours so that will need to be programmed in our radios.

Clinton County will go live on the MPSCS radio system early 2022. They will use the same encryption key as us. Updates can be done over Wi-Fi.

Kelly made the group aware that the end of 3G is coming in 2022. Flip phones may not be able to dial 911 when this happens. She will update the committee as she learns more.

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Blievernicht and William Fabijancic at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Notice – Thursday, December 16, 2021, 10 a.m.