



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2007

Members Present: Paul Maplethorpe, David Dato, Steve Rauter, WESCOM; John Lozar, DuComm; Gregg Riddle, IFCA; Dennis Higgins, Livingston County; David Riddle, Channahon FPD; Jim Clausen, RED Center; Bob Mierop, Bolingbrook FD; and Bill Bouma, Mt. Pleasant Fire Department, WI MABAS Liaison .

Guests Present: None

| Agenda Item | Discussion/Decision | Follow-up/Responsibility |
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| Call to Order | Co-Chair Paul Maplethorpe welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1007 hours at Lisle-Woodridge Station 1. | |
| Approve Minutes | Mr. John Lozar moved to approved the August 27, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Dennis Higgins. All AYES; motion carried. | |
| Starcom21 SOG | No Report | B/C Mierop and Steve Rauter |
| IL Interoperability Plans | No Report | |
| ITTF Statewide Interoperability Communications Plan | No Report | |
| Appendices (Fire, Law, Health, PW, EMA) | No Report | |
| MABAS Computer network | Servers are due to be installed very soon. | |
| MABAS Radio Signatures | Mr. Dennis Higgins moved to approve the MABAS Radio Signatures as amended and presented by Co-Chair Paul Maplethorpe. Second by Mr. Steve Rauter. All AYES; motion carried. | |
| Narrowband Migration – Statewide Frequencies | Discussion on narrowband dates and current plans for the Statewide frequencies. | |
| TCD Committee Membership | Discussion on the number of members of the TCD committee and the designation of individuals as members or liaisons. Committee agreed that those who submitted applications should be submitted for appointment based on the membership classifications identified. Co-Chair Paul Maplethorpe will tender list of members and classification to MABAS. | |

Acknowledging Box Alarms Co-Chair Paul Maplethorpe offered information on the policy from 1992 as it compares to the current procedure written in 1998. Recommendation to have the situation monitored and see how it is generally handled today and review it again next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Southwest Central B/C Bob Mierop talked to Chief Leahy and they are budgeting for new equipment to change frequencies. It was mentioned that the tones have not been heard on the frequency in a while. Based on this it was felt that the equipment may already have been installed.

EMnet Mr. Steve Rauter mentioned that installations are progressing and some locations are not happy with the types of installations that are occurring. Equipment is generally rack mountable.

MABAS Dispatch Yahoo Group Discussion on the cycle for notifying IC of the overall time/duration of their incident. The recommendation was to make a guideline that has a 10, 20, 30 minute duration announcement made by the dispatch center with 30 minute announcements thereafter.

Mr. Jim Clausen

Statewide Radio License No Report

Carbondale Area No Report

SIEC SIEC and ITTF will be merged in the future. It was mentioned by Co-Chair Dave Dato that the deadline for the submission of the PSIC grants from December 31st to November 9th.

Starcom21 System is reconfigured and all zones are up and operational. Acceptance of the northern region should happen shortly.

Cook County UASI Interoperability Committee Discussion was held but there is no new information since last month's meeting. MABAS has appointed a representative, Chief Ralph Czerwinski to the Cook County UASI.

Chicago Interoperability The Chicago plan has been modified as it relates to the VTAC channel use.

New Business Chief Bill Bouma mentioned that Douglas County, WI is looking for assistance in making IFERN operable over the entire county.

Co-Chair Paul Maplethorpe mentioned that he wanted to consider changing the introductory language for the policy, procedure and guideline documents. Co-Chair Dave Dato made a motion to set the following text "the committee has established the following policy, procedure, guideline" for these documents. Second by Mr. Steve Rauter. All AYES; motion carried.

Information for the Good of the Committee Co-Chair Dave Dato asked for volunteers to serve on the evaluation committee for PSIC grant requests.

Adjournment **B/C Bob Mierop moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Jim Clausen. All AYES; the meeting adjourned at 1134 hours.**

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 29, 2007 at Lisle-Woodridge Station 1 beginning at 1000 hours (this is due to the IPSTA and IFCA conferences occurring during the regular meeting day).

Minutes taken by Gregg Riddle.

