



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2007

Members Present: Steve Rauter Co-chair, WESCOM; David Dato, Wauconda FPD; John Lozar, DuComm;; Gregg Riddle Co-chair, IFCA; Jim Clausen, RED Center; Len Edling, CFD; Alan Choutka, DuPage County; Rick Kleinhaus, Evergreen Park FD; Larry Matkaitis, OSFM and Bill Bouma, Mt. Pleasant FD, WI MABAS Liaison.

Guests Present: None

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Follow-up/Responsibility
Call to Order	Co-Chair Steve Rauter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1000 hours at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1 with Gregg Riddle attending via conference call bridge.	
Approve Minutes	Chief Dave Dato moved to approve the December 17, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Second by CMDR Len Edling. All AYES; motion carried.	
2008 MABAS Conferences	The program is still being finalized; some of the subjects are EMnet and Starcom21.	
Starcom21 SOG	Steve and Bob have met a couple of times. Draft will be coming out shortly. It is recommended that this information be ready for the conference.	B/C Mierop and Steve Rauter
Incident Benchmark SOG	WI MABAS is offering a draft. Keep the intervals at 15 minutes rather than 20 minutes. Would like to add progress reports from Command at the bench mark times. Allow suspension of the bench mark notifications if it just becomes too lengthy of an incident. Proposing as a policy. Existing IL MABAS document is a guideline. Tabled for further research.	Bill Bouma
MABAS Computer network	MABAS is working on the system. An update was provided at the Committee Chair meeting.	
Narrowband Migration – Statewide Frequencies	Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2008 hosted by Jerry Bleck at TriComm. Looking for ideas on how this can be accomplished. Proposed making three presentations at the upcoming MABAS Conference.	John Lozar, Steve Rauter and Dennis Higgins
TCD Committee Membership; Committee Co-Chairs	The TCD will have two new co-chairs, Steve Rauter and Gregg Riddle. Committee membership has been finalized. Discussion on membership categories and those in each. Discussed the topic of MABAS Dispatch Centers becoming associate members of MABAS.	
OLD BUSINESS		
Southwest Central - 154.280	No Report. To be removed for the agenda.	

SIEC	Meeting was held and discussion on adding other members through change in policy and not via legislation. Two subcommittees were proposed, Technology and Operations. Waiting to hear back from the Feds on the approval of the State's plan. New chair of the ITTF Com Committee.
EMnet	Grant funding for 142 stations in this year's budget. Will move away from fire departments and back to PSAP installations. Some discussion with hospitals for the installation of EMnet computers.
MABAS Dispatch Yahoo Group	Under utilized but a few more people have been approved as users.
Statewide Radio License	No Report
Carbondale Area	No Report. To be removed for the agenda.
Starcom21	See above.
Cook County UASI Interoperability Committee	Meeting held on the new data base that is being created.
Chicago Interoperability – Guideline established	Waiting for further review by MABAS Division prior to distribution. Revised box cards have gone out late last week.
New Business	<p>WI Update – working on a strategic plan and should be finished by February 9th. Going to make presentations across the state. Oak Creek patch is being reviewed. Reducing power from the patch, if that doesn't work, they will try to move (to Wauwatosa) and reduce the antenna power and height. Researching the radio contact protocol. ESPONDER is being used like EMnet throughout WI and it will have the box cards on it for use and viewing. 800 MHz tactical channels are being worked on and looking into the naming of these channels. These channels are used by Starcom21 in IL and aren't available for the same usage here.</p> <p>E-mail group out of WESCOM for use by the entire committee.</p> <p>Book on the digital problems in fire ground operations – “Digital Problems”.</p>
Information for the Good of the Committee	Alan Choutka signed a new contract on January 1 st that goes through 2010.
Adjournment	Larry Matkaitis moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Alan Choutka. All AYES; the meeting adjourned at 1121 hours.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1 beginning at 1000 hours.
	Minutes taken by Gregg Riddle.