



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2008

Members Present: Steve Rauter Co-chair, WESCOM; David Riddle, Channahon FPD; John Lozar, DuComm;; Gregg Riddle Co-chair, IFCA; Bob Mierop, Bolingbrook FD; Len Edling, CFD; Dennis Higgins, Ford County 911; Alan Choutka, DuPage County; Larry Matkaitis, OSFM. David Dato, Wauconda FPD; Rick Kleinhaus, Evergreen Park FD; Bill Bouma, Mt. Pleasant FD, WI MABAS Liaison joined the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Guests Present: Paul Maplethorpe, Greater Round Lake FPD

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Follow-up/Responsibility
Call to Order	Co-Chair Steve Rauter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1006 hours at Pere Marquette, Peoria, IL with Gregg Riddle, Len Edling, Bob Mierop, John Lozar and Paul Maplethorpe attending via conference call bridge.	
Approve Minutes	Assistant Chief Bob Mierop moved to approve the January 25, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Dennis Higgins. Correction of the date on the top to 2008 and the EMnet comments; All AYES; motion carried.	
OLD BUSINESS		
2008 MABAS Conferences	Chiefs update (during Exec Mtg) – Steve Rauter will make the presentation. Update (during Chiefs Conference) – When rebanding occurs every radio will need to be touched to be reconfigured. Additional MABAS talk groups will be added when the radios are reconfigured. Tech Update for Dispatchers -	
Starcom21 SOG	Discussion on the Draft SOG as presented. Some minor changes were offered. Motion to approve as amended by David Riddle with a second by Bob Mierop; approved in a voice vote with no opposition.	A/C Mierop and Steve Rauter
Incident Benchmark SOG	No report.	Bill Bouma
MABAS Computer network	Developing an interactive web site is a great need. It is moving forward and is a priority.	
Narrowband Migration – Statewide Frequencies	Series of meetings are underway to include participation of all statewide stake holders and users. A plan is the ultimate goal. Yahoo group has been established for informational purposes.	John Lozar, Steve Rauter and Dennis Higgins

Associate MABAS Membership for Comm Centers, Division Dispatch	Discussion is needed to address this issue. Hopefully this will be done during this conference with the MABAS attorney.
SIEC	Dave Dato offered comments on the current status of the group.
EMnet	The current grant is for a two year period for Federal fiscal years 08 and 09.
Statewide Radio License	No Report
Cook County UASI Interoperability Committee	Original plan was to use the County Sheriff's VHF frequencies along with the CFD's existing Main and Englewood frequencies when they go over to UHF channels. This would create three Metro Channels. Metro 1 would be a VHF, UHF and 800 MHz pair of frequencies. Metro 2 and 3 were to be the Main and Englewood channels. The County Sheriff would add VHF channels to Metro 2 and 3 to get county wide coverage. Chicago OEMC has taken responsibility for the plan at this time.
Chicago Interoperability – Guideline established	See above
Starcom21 Grant update	This is a continuation of the original Starcom21 “give-away” program. Trying to get Motorola to get a better price on the equipment. The list of requesting agencies is larger than the funds will currently allow MABAS to provide radios to. The grant is \$500,000.
New Business	HazMat operations frequencies – suite of channels for use by the team members when they are in the suits. Currently many departments have their own communications and it is not conducive to interoperability for larger operations.
Liaison Information	MABAS WI – Trying to come up with a naming policy for the 800 channels. The NPSTC naming tool is being pushed by SAFECOM as national standard for channel naming purposes. OSFM – Fire inspections will be done on tablets and reports will be provided via e-mail to the agency that is involved. Others - none
Information for the Good of the Committee	Len Edling offered that a national curriculum is close for the Comm L position and a Comm Unit on line course.
Adjournment	Len Edling moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bob Mierop. All AYES; the meeting adjourned at 1127 hours.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2008 at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1 beginning at 1000 hours. Minutes taken by Gregg Riddle.