



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Telecommunications, Communications & Dispatch Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2008

Members Present: Steve Rauter Co-chair, WESCOM; Gregg Riddle Co-chair, IFCA; John Lozar, DuComm; Dennis Higgins, Ford County 911; Alan Choutka, DuPage County; Len Edling, Chicago FD; Bob Mierop, Bolingbrook FD Conference Bridge: David Riddle, Channahon FPD; Bill Bouma, Mt. Pleasant FD, WI MABAS Liaison; Carl Guse, WI State Patrol; Chris Kindelspire, Morris FPD (joined at 1015 hrs); Jim Clausen, RED Center (joined at 1030 hrs); 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.	
Approve Minutes	Len Edling moved to approve the May 19, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Bob Mierop. All AYES; motion carried.	
OLD BUSINESS		
2009 MABAS Conferences	1. Program to overlap more with Chiefs and TCs 2. Hands-on for ITECS, UCS vans, other assets 3. Mockup of statewide deployment and flow plan No work on the conference has begun.	Steve Rauter, Gregg Riddle
Starcom21 SOG	1. Policy to be submitted to MABAS Exec Board for vote 2. Procedures status 3. Training package status – pending over the air programming and reconfiguration of talk groups 4. STARCOM21 activation forms for RED & Orland for deployments 5. Rebanding and Radio Service letter sent out	Bob Mierop and Steve Rauter
Incident Benchmark SOG	MABAS – WI has settled on using the 10, 20, 30 minute benchmark starting from the time of arrival of the first units and every 30 minutes thereafter with a revision date of May 5, 2008. Discussion on what we should recommend as a standard.	Bob Mierop
MABAS Computer network	The contractor is trying to establish a meeting to discuss the network, web sites and teleconferencing. Will question the status of the progress of the outside vendor.	Steve Rauter

Narrowband Migration – Statewide Frequencies	Tentative implementation for State of IL frequencies will be one year before the FCC mandate. Another meeting is needed and January 1, 2012 is the IL self imposed deadline.	John Lozar, Steve Rauter and Dennis Higgins
Associate MABAS Membership for Comm Centers, Division Dispatch	There was no discussion at the June MABAS Executive Board meeting.	
Statewide Radio License	Information has been submitted.	Paul Maplethorpe
Cook County and Chicago I-O Plan	Meeting is to be held in the near future.	
Naming Convention	No additional information. Carl Guse and Chris Kindelspire offered comments that the naming scheme has been adopted by NPSTC. One concern was the common PL for all the fire frequencies and the potential interference on adjacent channels.	Kris Kindelspire, Carl Guse
700 MHz Tactical Frequencies	Carl Guse submitted a draft proposal for review. If it makes sense it can be forwarded to the national regional planning committee (NRPC). Motion by Gregg Riddle, second by Bob Mierop to move the 700 MHz tactical frequency identification plan to a letter for Jay Reardon’s signature for submission to the NRPC for consideration. Approved unanimously.	
New Business	Gregg Riddle advised that he would be retiring and leaving the committee as of September 5, 2008.	
Liaison Information	<p>Admin updates (Maplethorpe) – no updates.</p> <p>MABAS WI – discussion on the alerting of dive teams. Dive team is comprised of multiple agencies including FD, PD and others. This was decided that it seems to be a local jurisdictional issue.</p> <p>Region 54/13 – next meeting is October and not date set. Region 13 meeting on August 13th.</p> <p>OSFM – No report.</p> <p>EMnet – Work is being done. You can have an alternate station for a slight up charge, one time (\$295) with no additional on going charges. Next version of software will be released in September.</p> <p>IDPH – No report.</p> <p>IMERT – Previous contact, Tim Conley, is no longer with IMERT</p> <p>SIEC – No report.</p> <p>Starcom21 Oversight Committee – has been meeting and discussed the response to the flood in southern IL.</p> <p>Motorola TC training project – Nothing has been brought forward at this point.</p> <p>Others – none</p>	

**Information for the
Good of the Committee**

All Hazards type III COM L class has come out OIC and OEC. National Fire Academy intended to pilot their course in September. FEMA has been asked to vet the original class which has been offered out on the west coast in five classes to date. APCO will have the course at the Kansas City Conference.

At the ITTF meeting in May a motion was passed that IESMA dispatch for ITECs and UCPs will be removed from DuPage County. Following the Mississippi flooding this decision is being reconsidered. Further discussion on the flooding events and the use of various state assets.

Adjournment

Bob Mierop moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Len Edling. All AYES; the meeting adjourned at 1133 hours.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, 2008 at Lisle Woodridge FPD Station #1 beginning at 1000 hours.

Minutes taken by Gregg Riddle.