

Eaton County Emergency Communications Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Thursday, December 16, 2021 @ 1000 hrs
In person and over Zoom

Call to Order and Roll Call – 10:10 hrs – No quorum. Five is needed for a quorum.

Phil Miller, WTES
William Fabijancic, WTES
Kelley Cunningham, ECCD
Chris Blievernicht, GLPD

Others in Attendance -

Ryan Wilkinson, ECEM
Francis D'Huyvetter, ECCD

Introduction of New Members and Guests – None.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of the September 2021 Meeting – The minutes were not approved due to not having a quorum.

Old Business

Law Enforcement Subcommittee Report – Chris Blievernicht gave an update of the October 2021 meeting. The dynamic talk zone in the radios was discussed.

Fire/EMS Subcommittee Report – William Fabijancic gave an update on the November 2021 meeting. Agency talk groups and making channels 9, 10 & 11 all the same were discussed as well as law enforcement channels taken out the fire/EMS radios during the last update due to LEIN concerns.

Central Dispatch Operational Report – (Kelley)

- Supervisor Francis D'Huyvetter was promoted to deputy director. His official start date is January 2, 2022 but the transition process has already begun with Francis attending meetings and training.
- The supervisor vacancy was posted internally. Testing and interviews will be held.
- Public Safety Telecommunicator Neirink recently completed the training program.
- There are two public safety telecommunicators in training program. Both have experience so both have shortened training programs. One should finish this month and the other in January.

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- One applicant just finished the background investigation phase and Kelley is working on a start date for her.
- There is one opening right now and there will be another one if a dispatcher is promoted to the supervisor vacancy.

Central Dispatch Project Updates – (Kelley)

The 911 Enabling Act recently passed and is currently on the Governor's desk to sign. It extends the funding for the 911 infrastructure and sends money to 911 directly.

Radio project – Kelley reported that all of the portable radios should be updated now. They were updated over Wi-Fi. Sunfield Fire recently had preventative maint completed and they were our test agency because we will need Chrouch and MPSCS working together at the same time. Events I & J and Calhoun County's frequency will be added. Everyone should already have access to Clinton and Ingham Counties on their portables.

The radios will be updated in January. Law enforcement agencies will be updated first with MPSCS and Chrouch and then Chrouch and John Imeson can update fire/ems radios.

ASAP to PSAP – Kelley reported there are no updates at this time. There are still issues with LEIN that the County's Tech Services and the State are working on.

Kelley is hoping to start exploring CAD vendors and create a CAD committee this spring to get presentations and wish list. This will not be a quick process. We share CAD to CAD with Clinton Co and they are looking for a new CAD. Clinton County will be finished with their radio project by the spring of 2022 to work together with us on exploring CAD vendors.

Phil Miller had questions about the communication trailer such as who from dispatch goes to SRT events and if people are pulled from the dispatch floor to go? Kelley stated that dispatch has a tactical team consisting of dispatchers, supervisors, Francis and Kelley. Yesterday two supervisors, a dispatcher, Francis and Kelley were at the scene. No one was pulled off the dispatch floor yesterday to go.

Kelley invited agencies to let her know if you need the communication trailer and staff at a scene. They are able to provide cache radios, a white board, Wi-Fi, CAD, etc. This resource is available to any agency.

Phil Miller asked Kelley if she could think of anything more that is needed for the communication trailer and should be budgeted for. Kelley stated a list of items was made from previous trainings and from yesterday and a couple of items were identified, but they are small. She stated that items have already been purchased or have been budgeted.

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Phil suggested having the communication trailer available at upcoming committee meetings for the members to go through it.

There was discussion on the new personnel in dispatch and new personnel with ambulance agencies.

This meeting ended at 10:38 a.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2022, 10 a.m.

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