

Eaton County Emergency Communications Law Enforcement Subcommittee

Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2020
At 1100 hrs. via Zoom Conference Call

Call to Order and Roll Call – Chairman Weeks called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Paul Brentar, CPD
Jeff Cook, ECSO
Ross Tyrell, ECSO
Larry Weeks, ERPD
Chris Blievernicht, GLPD
Detrich Speights, MSP Post 11
Shawn Garcia, OPD
Richard Barry, PPD

Michael Armitage, ECCD
Kelley Flynn, ECCD
Ryan Wilkinson, ECEM

Introduction of New Members and Guests - None

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes to the January meeting was made by Paul Brentar and seconded by Richard Barry. Motion carried.

Old Business

Report from Central Dispatch Committee – Chris Blievernicht reported there was not a quorum at the March meeting via Zoom. Michael gave an operational report and a project update report that included the radio project and COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Central Dispatch Operational Report (Michael)

One dispatcher that was in training is finished and is now filling a vacancy on a shift. There remains three vacancies; two for vacation relief and one to fill a shift. Two dispatchers are currently in training.

Michael gave an update on the COVID-19 related policy and procedure changes at dispatch. They include:

- Restricted access to the building.
- Administrative hours reduced.
- Screening all calls for COVID-19.
- Communication with the Health Department in identifying COVID-19 positive locations.
- Segregating shifts with no overtime.
- LEIN closed periods during staff shortages.

Central Dispatch Project Updates

Michael reported that the radio project is about wrapped up. The Board of Commissioners decided to use money from the fund balance to cover the cost for BDAs in Grand Ledge to solve the radio issues.

Michael stated that this week is National Telecommunicator Week. We are celebrating with a scaled down version this week and will do something more to celebrate later.

Chief Weeks stated that he appreciates what dispatch is doing and he feels everything is going well and smoothly. Undersheriff Cook agreed.

Chief Weeks stated that Wayne State University is going mobile with COVID-19 testing sites in Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. They are open to all first responders. An online questionnaire that must be filled out and there needs to be at least one symptom indicated.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:15 a.m. by Undersheriff Cook and seconded by Chris Blievernicht. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 1100 hrs