

# Eaton County Emergency Communications Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2020 @ 1000 hrs

## **Call to Order and Roll Call – 10:00 hrs**

Phillip Miller, WTES  
William Fabijancic, WTES  
Mike Roman, DFD  
Dietrich Speights, MSP  
Chris Blievernicht, GLPD  
Kelley Flynn, ECCD  
Ryan Wilkinson, Emergency Manager

## **Introduction of New Members and Guests - None**

**Reading and Approval of Minutes of the March 2019 Meeting** – Since there was not a quorum at the March 2020 meeting, motion to approve the December 2019 minutes was made by Mike Roman and seconded by William Fabijancic. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

Law Enforcement Subcommittee Report – Chris Blievernicht gave an update.

Fire/EMS Subcommittee Report – Phillip Miller gave an update.

Central Dispatch Operational Report – (Kelley)

- Central Dispatch is back to full staffing.
- Since the call volume has increased, there are now overtime opportunities for dispatchers. However, the person that is working the overtime works in the back-up center downstairs in the EOC room and Zoom is used between the two rooms.
- Central Dispatch remains locked down and only employees may enter.
- An applicant was recently hired as a dispatcher to fill Robert Stahelin's vacancy when he retires. She is currently in the Air Force in Amsterdam and will return home on June 26, 2020. Testing and interviews were done via Zoom.

Central Dispatch Project Updates – (Kelley)

The Fox 47 tower in Eaton Rapids had an issue recently and it was found that the receiving antenna had not been plugged back in. There hasn't been any issues that Kelley is aware of.

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Next Tuesday, June 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the tower in Delta will need maintenance to move a microwave and W2's will be affected. For police, their W2's will be on 7TAC76, Zone A, and patched to police main. Fire/EMS can probably stay on Fire B, but on scene it will depend where you're at. You can use 8TAC92B or use the radio in the truck.

POs for the BDAs in Grand Ledge have been approved and equipment is being ordered. This project is projected to be completed in October 2020.

Central Dispatch would like to have quarterly training for the MPSCS radio system and open the training up to new police, fire and EMS personnel. Francis D'Huyvetter is the trainer and two new telecommunicators recently went through the training.

The old orange tower at Central Dispatch is down and the shelter that was at the Olivet tower was sold to another dispatch center.

Kelley has been in contact with the ASAP to PSAP vendor and we are currently waiting on testing.

Phone Grant – Central Dispatch received a NG911 grant for \$220,000 with a 5% match. This will cover all parts of our phone system and command post phone system that will allow answering remotely.

Kelley explained that our center was recommended as a possible location to film a new reality show, which will air starting in the fall on ABC. The show is called "Emergency Call." This show is somewhat similar to "Cops" or "Live PD." The show highlights the work of telecommunicators behind the scenes and follows those telecommunicators on their shift, focusing on some calls in addition to interaction in the room. Kelley stated that she saw the pilot and feels that it was very well produced. She stated that there are many safeguards in place to redact personal information and protect the privacy of callers. She also stated that the agreement would give us significant rights to redact or reject footage/audio.

### **New Business**

Elections – Currently the Chairman for this committee is Phil Miller, Vice Chairman is Mike Roman and Chris Blievernicht is Secretary. Motion to keep the same was made by William Fabijancic and Chris Blievernicht seconded. Motioned carried.

Mike Roman wanted Kelley to pass on to dispatch that they did a good job on the man with a gun shooting call on Monday morning. Kelley said she would pass it along to the shift.

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Phil Miller thanked the dispatch staff and other agencies for their help with the funeral of longtime firefighter Murray last week.

Kelley stated that her last name will officially change to Cunningham in the coming weeks. Her email of [kflynn@eatoncounty.org](mailto:kflynn@eatoncounty.org) will automatically forward to her new email address.

Chris Blievernicht thanked dispatch for their quick response to the protesting in Grand Ledge a couple weeks ago. He stated that it was short notice and appreciated dispatch for being able to respond.

**Next Meeting Notice** – Thursday, September 17, 2020, 10 a.m.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Roman at 10:17 a.m. and William Fabijancic seconded. Motion carried.