

Eaton County Emergency Communications Law Enforcement Subcommittee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020
At 1100 hrs. via Zoom Conference Call

Call to Order and Roll Call – Chairman Weeks called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

Michael Armitage, ECCD
Ryan Wilkinson, ECEM

Introduction of New Members and Guests - None

Reading and Approval of Minutes

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

Old Business

Report from Central Dispatch Committee – None.

Central Dispatch Operational Report (Michael)

- Michael reported that two dispatchers are in training and one recently resigned.
- We have implemented a new QA program and dispatchers are required to ask callers for cross streets for police calls now and dispatch cross streets for police calls.
- Access to the building is still restricted.
- Central Dispatch employees cannot get the 80 hours of emergency FMLA.

Chief Weeks asked if Michael had a goal on when he will open dispatch up to officers. Michael stated he would check with other dispatch centers to see what they're doing.

Central Dispatch Project Updates

The BDA project in Grand Ledge continues. The projected end date is 11/15/20.

A future project includes a new CAD system. We currently use One Solution.

Ingham County is adding two channels to simulcast on next Spring/Summer 2021.

Like other Eaton County agencies, central dispatch is in the process of a LEIN audit.

New Business

Radio Equipment Requests – Michael stated that he has no concerns with the police requests for radio equipment. The requests included an external antenna for BPD and a base for the detective bureau in Delta.

TAC2 – Michael asked the committee for feedback on the TAC2 policy. It had been implemented but there were challenges at an incident when responding deputies were asked to switch from the main police channel to TAC2. There was discussion on when to move off the main police channel. Members present discussed concerns of trying to switch channels while driving or when the situation is escalating and command staff not hearing the traffic because the incident is now off the main channel.

Mutual Aid – Michael acknowledged that Central Dispatch has received a mutual aid policy from Eaton Rapids. He stated that dispatch would do their best to balance dispatching closest car and being aware of the jurisdictional authority. Michael asked the officers to speak up if they feel something violates their policy or if dispatch did not seek proper approval to send out of jurisdiction.

Other Discussion

Chief Weeks suggested having annual training classes on the radio system for new people and refresher training. Michael agreed and get with Francis to schedule some classes.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:37 a.m. by Richard Barry and seconded by Chris Blievernicht. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 1100 hrs