

Eaton County Emergency Communications Law Enforcement Subcommittee

Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2021
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
Larry Weeks, ERPD
Chris Blievernicht, GLPD
Aric Dowling, MSP
Shawn Garcia, OPD

Michael Armitage, ECCD
Kelley Cunningham, ECCD
Rod Sadler, ECEM

Introduction of New Members and Guests – Tara Taylor and John Wollfus were in attendance for the Curbside SOS presentation.

Presentation – Representatives from Curbside SOS gave a presentation on how their product links towing companies, customers and dispatch. They answered questions from the group afterwards.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes to the January 2021 meeting was made by Paul Brentar and seconded by Chris Blievernicht. Motion carried.

Old Business

Report from Central Dispatch Committee – Chris gave an update from the March 2021 meeting. One item that was discussed at the meeting was a possible change in RAVE alerting for road closures. Chief Weeks asked Michael for an update on that. Michael stated that he had received feedback from an ECSO captain questioning why a road closure was put out for a particular road at a particular time of day. Michael stated he is working on developing a policy regarding traffic closures and may put them out for only primary roads or only M roads. Chief Weeks felt that if it's not really a problem then the policy shouldn't be changed.

Central Dispatch Operational Report

- Two applicants have conditional offers and are in the process of having background checks and psychological exams.
- One applicant in the hiring pool has been given a condition offer and will start background checks and psychological exams. This opening is due to a dispatcher putting in their resignation recently.
- While we were fortunate to have enough qualified applicants in the hiring pool from the last round of applicants, we will be down to one trainer to train them.

Central Dispatch Project Updates

- Wi-Fi points have been installed around the county for updates. Michael will send out a map to show where they are.
- There will need to be a major upgrade to our radios due to Ingham County going live with their radio system. They are using a different encryption key, so that will need to be installed in our radios. This means every radio will need to be touched by Chrouch going to every agency this summer. Preventative maintenance will also need to be done, hopefully at the same time. After these two upgrades, everything else should be able to be done wirelessly at the Wi-Fi points around the county.
- Michael plans to stagger and spread out the battery replacement for the radios. That will happen next year or so.
- For all radio equipment issues, please use the email radios@eatoncounty.org to report them. This email is sent to everyone that needs to be notified and creates a flow chart from start to finish in getting it taken care of. If the problem needs to be addressed immediately, then contact the on duty supervisor in dispatch.
- Michael continues to work with other dispatch centers on the FCC ruling and the 911 fee diversion. Comments from dispatch centers have been submitted and he expects a ruling by mid-June.

New Business

Felony warrants after hours – Michael was looking for feedback on handling felony warrants after hours for the smaller departments when no one is on duty. The only one in attendance that this applied to was Chief Garcia at OPD. Chief Garcia said he would like a phone call when this occurs. Michael stated he would contact other agencies and ask them what they would like to do.

CAD project – Michael had sent out a Survey Monkey to agencies regarding replacing our CAD system and he did receive some responses back. Michael wondered if agencies would like to have RMS on the same platform. Chief Weeks stated that his agency and

others use an RMS system through the prosecutor's office. He suggested including the prosecutor's office in on the planning.

New procedures for out of county warrants arrests (on our warrants) w/local charges - There was discussion on the jail task force wanting to consolidate transfers of individuals which would affect picks ups and arraignments. Michael will find out more from the courts.

Rod Sadler from Emergency Management informed the group that there is \$7666 left in the homeland security grant FY 2019 and it has to be used by 5/31/22. It can be used for law enforcement terrorist activities. Chief Weeks asked where to find the list of approved items. Rod said you could probably find the AEL through FEMA, but it would probably be easier just to ask him or Ryan.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 12:06 p.m. by Paul Brentar and Aric Dowling seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 1100 hrs.