

Eaton County Emergency Communications
Fire/EMS Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2021
MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call – 2009 hrs

Gregg Ginebaugh, DFD
John Kahler, DFD
Francis D'Huyvetter, HFD
Roger McNutt, ERFD
Jason Freer, ERFD
Rodney VanDeCastele, GLFD
Jake Jackson, BFD
Tim James, SFD & BTFD
James Ivy, ETFD
Rob Herig, ETFD
Tom Owen, OFD
John Collins, OFD
Phil Miller, WTEM
Bill Fabijancic, WTEM
Robert Vogel, CFD
Tyger Fullerton, CFD

Kelley Cunningham, ECCD
Ryan Wilkinson, ECEM
Tim Barnes, Eaton Co Commissioner

Introduction of New Members and Guests – this was done at the ECFCA meeting before this meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of the August 2021 Meeting – Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rodney and seconded by Francis. Motion carried.

Presentation – Eaton County Commissioner Tim Barnes gave a presentation of the Eaton County 911 Air Medical Transports. One of the goals is to have the dispatchers get the helicopters going and have pre-designated LZ landing zones around the county.

Old Business

Report from Emergency Communications Subcommittee (Fabijancic) – He reviewed the minutes from the 9/16/21 meeting.

Central Dispatch Operational Report (Kelley) –

- Supervisors had helicopter training from Commissioner Barnes and they'll show their shifts the PowerPoint presentation.
- One telecommunicator is in the hiring process with a conditional offer and one in the background process awaiting an opening.
- There are four in training and one is close to completing her training. Two are from other dispatch agencies with experience and all are doing well.
- Deputy Director interviews will be held November 19. There are six candidates. The oral board consists of John Fuentes, Eaton County Controller; Stephanie Lehman, Director of Barry County 911; Ryan Wilkinson, Emergency Management; and Kelley.

Helicopter training – Tim James and Kelley went through the policies & procedures together and found that helicopters were not in line with TCEMCA. The biggest thing is that dispatch does have the authority to get them going and that was missing from the policy. John Kahler stated that although Delta Township is close to the hospitals and most times would not use a helicopter, he felt it could be possible especially on the highways.

Kelley stated that she has been talking to supervisors about improving Fire/EMS dispatching such as slowing down when dispatching and not saying, "It's in the notes." Also, if an agency is managing an incident and they get another call, they must be notified.

Tim James thanked Kelley for listening. He likes that MFRs are now being status checked instead of just the EMS.

Central Dispatch Project Updates (Kelley) –

- There is no update on the ASAP to PSAP project.
- The Cities of Eaton Rapids and Charlotte have opted into our RAVE with their own key word. It costs them \$1500 each per year to be on our RAVE. Kelley explained that Grand Ledge is separate because they bought their own before we knew they could be a part of ours. In order for them to be on ours and save money they would have to delete their account. RAVE will be reaching out to the cities to help build their subscribers. Notifications were discussed as far as who gets what information sent to them.
- Kelley noted that RAVE collaborate automatically sends phone calls to a list of people such as staffing call ins, only to fire chiefs, active shooter button, etc.
- We continue to work on getting a weather siren at Crandell Lake.
- Kelley again apologized about the law enforcement talk groups coming out of Fire/EMS radios in the most recent radio update. Kelley stated that she did not know it was happening. LEIN says it's giving Fire/EMS personnel access to LEIN and CJIS info even though you can get a scanner or app on your phone.

She noted that the next MCT update, FIRE/EMS MCTs would no longer get law calls.

- Agency talk groups. 9 10 and 11 should all be the same in the radios. Agencies need to use their zones properly and know how to get out of a dynamic zone and get to talk groups 9 10 and 11. Kelley stated that dispatch needs a copy of all of the templates so they can help people get to these channels.

New Business – None

Miscellaneous – None

Round Table - None

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made at 2100 hours by Phil Miller and seconded by Rodney VanDeCastele. Motion carried. The next meeting is Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7pm