

Tri-Com Central Dispatch

FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2021

Members Present: Deputy Chief Mark Einwich Geneva FD; Deputy Chief Craig Hanson, Batavia FD; Assistant Chief Mike Huneke, Elburn FD; Deputy Chief Mike Klemencic, North Aurora FD; Assistant Chief Tony Cavallo, St. Charles FD; Battalion Chief Jeremy Mauthe, St. Charles FD; Director Joe Schelstreet, Tri-Com; Deputy Director LaToya Marz. Tri-Com

Members Absent: Battalion Chief Joshua Lopez, Sugar Grove FD; Assistant Chief Matt Hanson, Elburn FD

Also Present: Tammy Kleveno, CAD Administrator, Tri-Com
Kristina Rohrbach, GIS Analyst, Tri-Com
Shevon Sherod-Ramirez, Administrative Assistant, Tri-Com

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. at Tri-Com Central Dispatch.

Update on COVID-19:

Deputy Director Marz reported the following:

- We will no longer be giving a COVID update.

Update on StarCom:

Deputy Director Marz reported the following:

- Two portables are being programmed for Tri-Com.
- At the 10th Street Tower, the generator is being installed and the antenna is up. Waiting for the Verizon backhaul and supply delays.
- St. Charles purchased two APX radios.
- Radio Management is ready at Tri-Com and Batavia. St. Charles is being set up today.
- The Board will authorize the purchase of the APX6500 radios at the next meeting.
- Once Chicago Communication is done with the flash upgrades, the update will be scheduled.
- The Kane County StarCom Initiative Group met.
- There will be an ITTF ILEAS training. If anyone is interested, you are welcome to attend. There is a meeting to discuss this today.

Update on Basement Project:

Deputy Director Marz reported the following:

- The flooring is almost done.
- Tables and chairs were replaced.
- There are a few more items to complete before completion.

Update on Staffing:

Deputy Director Marz reported the following:

- One trainee was released on call taking and police dispatch. Another at the end of July and another in mid-August.
- Caiti will complete fire training at the end of the week. Shelley will start fire training.
- Another new hire will start on August 9.

Director Report:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- For Quadcomm talk group access, reprogramming needs to be done first and encryption keys. BC Mauthe had questions regarding Quadcomm and use of emergency buttons. Dir. Schelstreet stated that he wants to be sure the fire agencies are involved in the Kane County group. It is mostly law enforcement since most KaneComm agencies are not on StarCom.
- If all talk groups are added, Tri-Com will not be able to hear them on the consoles.
- Negotiations continue with the union tomorrow.
- All six resolutions were approved by the ETSB for funding projects. Roger Fahnestoack will be the Chairman again and Chief Swanson is Vice-Chairman. All PSAPS are working well together.
- The fund balance at Tri-Com is 50%. That is double of what is needed. Board is looking at a spend down to stabilize costs for our agencies.
- Discussing the IGA in the fall. This will include cost formulas and voting.
- The St. Charles wastewater expansion project is ongoing. They have delays with pipe supply. Once it is done, we will look at repaving.

Deputy Director Report:

Deputy Director Marz reported the following:

- When standbys/recalls go in service, notify dispatch if specific unit apparatus is applicable.

CAD Report:

Tammy Kleveno reported the following:

- She will discuss Batavia Fire's box cards with DC Hanson.
- If you are using ESO for ambulance reporting, it will automatically work. If you are not using the medic portion of ESO, let her know. She needs to make an addition so it works.
- Elburn is using ESO now and has a few issues.
- ESO has purchased Emergency Reporting. ESO has no Application Programming Interface (API).
- Unless the alarm company has the keyholder information, Tri-Com will not have it. Police also use the information and they will not have it.
- DC Einwich is concerned that pre-plan information will not be available.
- After January 1, the information will be accessible, but will not be updated.

- Dir. Schelstreet stated that we could pay about \$18,000 to have the information moved over to ESO; however, it would not be updated there either.

GIS Report:

None.

Training Coordinator Report:

Absent/None

St. Charles Items:

BC Mauthe stated that they are using TAC channels for EMS. Asked that everyone add these channels. They will not have the ability to access STC1 in downtown. He will send out the frequencies. The TAC channels have been working well inside buildings.

Geneva Items:

DC Einwich asked that everyone think about a change to just Ops Channels that are assigned. Ops1, Ops2, etc. Instead of St. Charles Ops, Geneva Ops, etc. BC Mauthe asked what the benefit would be because they would need to switch zones if there is a second call. DC Hanson stated that it has been working fine and they would like to stay as is. DC Klemencic agreed. BC Mauthe stated that emergency buttons do not work on scan and they would need to switch to analog for them to work.

Batavia Items:

DC Hanson reported that they had an active shooter drill in Batavia today.

He asked about radio traffic while programming. DD Marz stated that radio traffic would always override programming.

Elburn Items:

AC Huneke asked about status checks on medics at 25 minutes. BC Mauthe stated that there are time when a Delnor nurse or the pharmacy is not available and they are waiting. The hospital will not let the medics leave unless the paperwork is completed. DC Cavallo stated that you could ask for a memo anything they are at the hospital for more than 30 minutes.

AC Huneke asked if he could get audio sooner to review. BC Mauthe asked if they could get audio from generals and above.

Sugar Grove Items:

Absent

North Aurora Items:

None

Other Items

None

Action Items:

ALL: Consider installation of TAC channels for St. Charles.
Schelstreet: Look into emergency button training.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Fire Operations Committee is Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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