

Tri-Com Central Dispatch
FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2020

Members Present: Deputy Chief Mark Einwich Geneva FD; Assistant Chief Matt Hanson, Elburn FD; Deputy Chief Craig Hanson, Batavia FD; Deputy Chief Mike Klemencic, North Aurora FD; Director Joe Schelstreet, Tri-Com

Members Absent: Battalion Chief Jeremy Mauthe, St. Charles FD
Battalion Chief Joshua Lopez, Sugar Grove FD

Also Present: Andrew Kunstler, Training Coordinator, Tri-Com
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. The meeting was held via GoToMeeting.

Update on COVID-19:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- Only cleaning people and those doing maintenance are allowed into building.
- Thank you to all for the help with PPE.
- The building is sanitized every two weeks.
- New screening questions from Southern Fox Valley are being used.
- The lists are coming in randomly and are being added to the dashboard and CAD.

Update on StarCom:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- Waiting on code plugs to schedule programming with Chicago Communications. It has a lot to do with the buttons.
- St. Charles is using Bluetooth connection.
- Alias changes can be done quickly, approximately five minutes per radio. Reprogramming will take longer.
- Tri-Com's directives will need to be changed.
- On box alarms, Assistant Chief M. Hanson and Deputy Chief C. Hanson both stated that they would go to IFERN for a box alarm.
- While discussing the use of the VHR fire ground frequency, Deputy Chief Klemencic stated that it would be situational and they would ask for it. Deputy Chief C. Hanson agreed.
- For Storm Mode, Batavia and Elburn would stay on their own operations talk group.
- Deputy Chief C. Hanson stated that Batavia is waiting for an MOU with Fermilab. During Storm Mode, they will go to VHF ground. The Battalion Chief will be advised that they have to request a fire ground. He will reach out to West Chicago, South Elgin, and Fermilab.

- Patching will need to be tested to see if the fireground channels can be patched to the operations channels. Testing will need to be done to see if transmitting is possible with patch.
- Deputy Chief Einwich stated that for Burlington to communicate with Elburn, they would probably need to patch with VHF fire main, instead of county.
- It will be up to command to request a VHF fire ground. Tri-Com will only monitor own channels, not fire ground channels.
- The Nicor line to the Sugar Grove tower generator was installed as residential at ¼ pound of pressure. It needs to be changed to 2 pounds of pressure. No generator right now.

Update on Basement & STC Water:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- The water has slowed down. It is still coming in the south wall in the training room.
- The loan information for the project to move the generator and install drainage tiles will go to the board for approval. This project should take care of the issue for 10-15 years.
- There is no updated information on the status of the St. Charles Water Treatment expansion and possible city water to Tri-Com.

Update on Microwave:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- The project will begin after the StarCom project.
- Funding will be through the ETSB with KaneComm. There may be grant money available through the state 9-1-1. ETSB Tri-Com reserves and phone line savings will also be used.

Update on Staffing:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- There are four trainees. One will be off training in May/June. Another in July.
- Testing will begin again soon.
- Deputy Director interviews are this week. There were nineteen applicants.

CAD Concerns:

Tammy Kleveno stated that there were problems with the Freedom App last Sunday. The security certificate needed to be renewed and applied. Central Square will take care of this in the future.

She will send out information on CAD Update 20.1. She will send another email when the update is complete.

GIS Concerns:

Kristina Rohrbach stated that last meeting there was discussion on getting accurate business and occupancy information. Occupancy changes are coming from FireHouse. A report is run and seems to be the most accurate way to get the information. If you have information on new addresses or changes, please email them to her. Also, if you need a login for the dashboard, let her know.

Training Concerns:

Andrew Kunstler reported that there are four trainees currently.

He asked if we would be testing patching with any outside agencies. Directors Schelstreet stated that we should be able to test internally.

Tri-Com Agenda Items:

Director Schelstreet stated that the permanent patch cost is \$10 per radio, per month and \$1.25 a minute. Simulcasting is \$2.50 per minute.

St. Charles Items:

Absent

Geneva Items:

Deputy Chief Einwich asked if anyone knew the status of pagers getting the 700/800 frequencies. Director Schelstreet stated that he was not involved with pagers. Deputy Chief C. Hanson stated that their pagers are working off of VHF. He stated that they contacted Miner and asked to convert station to StarCom pagers. They were concerned with simulcasting. They are going to StarCom and VHF becomes the back up. Both are connected to station alerting.

Director Schelstreet stated that Tri-Com is on the MC7500 radio and KaneComm is not. If Tri-Com needs to bug out, dispatching will be different. VHF simulcasting will be tested. With possible funding cuts, we may be simulcasting longer.

Batavia Items:

Deputy Chief Hanson reported that they are moving ahead on station alerting and pagers. They are moving to digital.

Elburn Items:

Assistant Chief Hanson stated that there is demolition at Station 3. Station 3 will be open from 8am-8pm. Will go to Station 1 at other times.

Sugar Grove Items:

Absent

North Aurora Items:

Deputy Chief Klemencic asked if anyone has had issues with the radio antennas coming off easily. No one else has them in service. He recommends tightening them before use.

Action Items:

- Deputy Chief Hanson will contact South Elgin, West Chicago, and Fermilab.
- Deputy Chief Hanson will follow up with Miner on pagers.
- Tri-Com will update directives.
- Director Schelstreet will email the ChiComm schedule once the code plugs are received.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 A.M. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Fire Operations Committee is Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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