

Tri-Com Central Dispatch

FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2019

Members Present: Deputy Chief Mark Einwich Geneva FD; Assistant Chief Matt Hanson, Elburn FD; Assistant Chief Scott Swanson, St Charles FD; Deputy Chief Craig Hanson, Batavia FD; Chief Bill Perkins, Sugar Grove FPD; Director Nicole Lamela, Tri-Com

Members Absent: Deputy Chief Mike Klemencic, North Aurora

Also Present: Jeremy Mauthe, Battalion Chief, St. Charles FD
Pete Cooper, Miner Electronics
Fred Hilgenberg, Motorola
Tiffany Myers, Training Coordinator, Tri-Com
Tammy Kleveno, CAD Administrator, Tri-Com
Shevon Sherod-Ramirez, Admin. Asst., Tri-Com

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. at Tri-Com.

StarCom Update:

Dir. Lamela reported that an audit of the equipment at Tri-Com was done on Monday. There are some minor changes needed, but most is fine. Crews will be working at Geneva on Friday. The Village of Sugar Grove approved everything and the bolts are in for the water tower. They need to be cut and painted. Dir. Lamela is checking on when this will be done. Initially the Starcom radios that were configured for testing were supposed to go back on August 16th, but that may be extended.

The expected go-live date is late October/November. This may change depending on the Sugar Grove equipment.

Dir. Lamela stated that Pete, from Miner Electronics, was attending the meeting to provide information on pagers. Pete ~~told~~ advised them the group that we would be toning on the pagers on both VHF and the 800 radios would be the best option. This will be seamless to the dispatcher and it will be programmed on the back end for redundancy.

There was discussion on how they would like to dispatch on both frequencies in the near future because Sugar Grove and Elburn have mutual aid that will not be on StarCom. They discussed patching and simulcasting. Pete explained that with a patch you would hear everything and with simulcasting, you would only hear Tri-Com. Sugar Grove and Elburn agreed they wanted it patched together.

Motorola advised that we could not tone on a console that also patched frequencies. It was agreed that console 7 in the basement would be used and a request would be made to the board to

purchase an additional console to house in the radio room or at the supervisor's console so it will not affect operations at Tri-Com should we need to move to the basement.

Consolidation Update:

Dir. Lamela stated that MCP presented their draft consolidation report to the ETSB Board. They voted not to publicize the report and are presenting it to the mayors, political leaders, sheriff, etc. to see if they are supportive. Consolidation could mean shared systems and facilities, etc. The ETSB Board will decide if the report will be released after the next ETSB meeting. There are issues with both buildings. If the EOC leaves, KaneCom would be a better option or they could choose to build at a new site. It would be 5 to 7 years before any consolidation would happen.

Staffing Update:

Dir. Lamela stated that there are 13 dispatchers and 4 in training. They should be done by the end of October/November. There are interviews this week and next with experienced dispatchers.

The Board will be hiring a temporary replacement for the Deputy Director position while recruiting for the position. In the meantime, if you have operational issues contact Dir. Lamela or Tiffany Myers. If you have CAD issues, contact Tammy Kleveno.

Elburn Station 3, Jump Co, E305 to E303:

AC Hanson stated that Station 2 will be staffed by 3. E303 will be the new E305 and will be staffed. M351 will not be staffed daily.

St. Charles Items:

AC Swanson asked if they should have a template with all radio issues or if the issues should be submitted individually. All agreed it would be better if they were all together, so all could be informed.

Geneva Items:

DC Einwich stated that their chiefs are responding like Elburn. When BAT200 is out of service, they should remain out of service and the on call duty chief should be the one to be dispatched. Recently BAT200 was put in service to respond to West Chicago in error and not put back out of service so it showed 2 chiefs on duty.

Batavia Items:

DC Hanson stated that they are conducting an active shooter drill from 0730-1700 tomorrow. Sgt. Rivera from Geneva PD will be there to assist. KC SWAT will attend and drones will be used.

Elburn Items:

None.

Sugar Grove Items:

None.

North Aurora Items:

Absent.

Action Items:

All: Bring their radios and any configuration changes to the next meeting.
Motorola will be on site to answer any questions.

Lamela: Will send out drafts of directives with StarCom changes.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 A.M. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Fire Operations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. There will not be a July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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