

# *Tri-Com Central Dispatch*

## **FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2019**

Members Present: Deputy Chief Mark Einwich Geneva FD; Assistant Chief Matt Hanson, Elburn FD; Chief Bill Perkins, Sugar Grove FPD; Deputy Chief Craig Hanson, Batavia FD; Assistant Chief Eric Ekstrom, North Aurora FPD; Director Nicole Lamela, Tri-Com; Deputy Director Sarah Stoffa, Tri-Com

Members Absent: Assistant Chief Scott Swanson, St Charles FD

Also Present: Jeremy Mothe, Battalion Chief, St. Charles FD  
Tammy Kleveno, CAD Administrator, Tri-Com  
Shevon Sherod-Ramirez, Admin. Asst., Tri-Com

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

### **Board-Up – Water Mitigation, Structural Shoring:**

DD Stoffa stated that all the board up companies have been contacted and are able to do water mitigation and structural shoring. The only company that does not do shoring is BAC. BAC also does water mitigation but does not do sewer. DD Stoffa will add a note on the list of board up companies with this information.

### **Directive Review:**

DD Stoffa stated that the directives that need revisions due to Starcom will be worked on once the channels are set. They will be brought back for review.

### **Update on Starcom:**

Dir. Lamela stated that having Elburn on the East channel doesn't make sense. Trying to train new dispatches would be very confusing. She would prefer that they were on North or South. DC Einwich stated that it would be a training issue for dispatch and agency staff. AC Eckstrom stated that it should all be based on call volume and it doesn't matter what it is called.

DC Einwich stated that the chief is concerned that units on an ops channel for a general will get lost when it goes to a box.

Dir. Lamela stated that Naperville and Aurora cannot talk on our channels. Systems are not compatible. They switch to VHF with mutual aid.

There are 5 training channels which can also be used for events. AC Eckstrom stated they should be left on fire and when they are together can be an events channel. The police left their channel unencrypted for fire.

Dir. Lamela stated that Geneva Public Works will only be on Geneva radios and on Tri-Com. They are just setting them aside for now. Events will be on 5-10 event channels. She will send out a sheet with a diagram of how radios are pushed to switch. When channels are switched, the radios announce the channel name. Someone will need to program the voice on it.

If channels are being changed due to load on radios and call volume, the chiefs need to decide. Elburn should, technically, go to South.

After much discussion, it was decided that fire main channels would be called:

TCFIRE 1, 2, 3, 4

Operations Channels:

TC OPS 7, 8, 9, 10

Training Channels

TC TRN 1, 2, 3, 4

Dir. Lamela will discuss saturation levels on radios and dividing by call volume with chiefs.

**Tri-Com Items:**

None

**St. Charles Items:**

BC Mothe stated that they have moved back in to Station 3.

**Geneva Items:**

None

**Batavia Items:**

DC Hanson wanted to say kudos to dispatch on Giese fire.

**Elburn Items:**

None

**Sugar Grove Items:**

None

**North Aurora Items:**

**Action Items:**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:04 P.M. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Fire Operations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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