

Tri-Com Central Dispatch

FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2018

Members Present: Assistant Chief Scott Swanson, St Charles FD; Deputy Chief Mark Einwich Geneva FD; Assistant Chief Tate Haley, 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: None

Also Present: Shevon Sherod-Ramirez, Admin. Asst., Tri-Com

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 A.M. at Tri-Com.

Tri-Com Items:

Dir. Lamela handed out information on the Starcom radios including the breakdown of the fund balance for agencies not including South Elgin for radios. The total count for radios is based on the grant plus airtime. AC Swanson stated that it will probably be a year before phone lines are switched to microwave.

Dir. Lamela stated that Ravi Suthar from Motorola stated that they will not be charged for radios that are just sitting. The radios can be removed from apparatus and switched out and not be charged. AC Swanson stated that Motorola is just going to charge them for 70% of radios and 30% will be considered spares and they will not charge airtime for them.

Dir. Lamela stated that items from the grant will be paid through St. Charles as the lead agency. Chief Perkins asked if any funds from the rebate be used toward the 10%. Dir. Lamela stated that the funds could not come from the rebate. She is still working on where the funds for the shortage are coming from. About \$690,000 will be used to upgrade towers, consoles, and other equipment. Installation needs to be paid by each agency.

Chief Perkins asked about maintaining other systems for agencies outside. Dir. Lamela stated that all will be maintained. A microwave system will be considered. Everything will be dual band. The installation should be done by May 1st with go-live date of July 1st.

Chief Perkins asked about consolidation and agencies that will not be able to afford it. Dir. Lamela stated that the RFPs were just received and the consultant will be looking at technology, governance, etc.

DD Stoffa stated that we currently have 3 in training. Two of them have experience on our CAD system and the third has no experience. We have another dispatcher that will be going on maternity leave in November.

St. Charles Items:

AC Swanson stated that there was no storm mode yesterday. They are looking at doing a single engine response even when not in storm mode unless it is a general. When there is a third alarm, they are pulling responses from other towns.

Geneva Items:

None.

Batavia Items:

DC Hanson stated that the Heritage Woods full still did not go out this week on Saturday at 0630.

Elburn Items:

AC Haley said kudos to Dave for being proactive on the general.

Sugar Grove Items:

Chief Perkins stated Kristen Wade is now a Battalion Chief and will be the EMS Program Coordinator. Josh Holmsted is now a Lieutenant.

North Aurora Items:

None.

Action Items:

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:17A.M. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Fire Operations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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