

Tri-Com Central Dispatch

POLICE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2019

Members Present: Commander Brian Maduzia, Geneva PD; Deputy Chief Glenn Autenrieth, Batavia PD; Chief Pat Rollins, Sugar Grove PD; Commander Steve Bedell, St. Charles PD; Sgt. Larry Stefanski, Waubensee PD; Director Nicole Lamela, Tri-Com; Deputy Director Sarah Stoffa, Tri-Com

Members Absent: Deputy Chief Randy Endean, South Elgin PD
Chief Nick Sikora, Elburn PD

Also Present: Steve Fiedler, Motorola
Sgt. Eric Schlachta, Elburn PD
Commander Eric Majewski, St. Charles PD
Tiffany Myers, Training Coordinator, Tri-Com
Mark Marzetta, IT Manager, Tri-Com
Shevon Sherod-Ramirez, Administrative Assistant, Tri-Com

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

Motorola:

Dir. Lamela stated that Steve Fiedler was here from Motorola to assist with radio questions and programming.

Mr. Fiedler stated that there are limitations when programming. He recommends keeping it simple. He explained the potential uses for buttons. The home button will take the user back to the original channel. He stated that encryption should be taken out of the users' hands, so they are either always encrypted or not. FDMA is one talk path through each channel, TDMA splits that into 2 paths. Only Apex radios are capable of TDMA. There is a concern for interoperability. DDM (Dynamic Duo Mode) allows system to remove radios that are not capable of being on TDMA and automatically drops them to FDMA. TDMA doubles capacity to help alleviate busy signals. DDM is not a programming item and is easily changed.

When talk groups are active, it forces radio etiquette. The user coming in will get a busy signal. Only dispatch can interrupt. Dir. Lamela stated that this is the same as it is now.

Mr. Fiedler went on to state that talk groups are prioritized at set up from 2 to 10. 1 is reserved for emergency traffic. Decisions for programming need to include encryption status: yes or no. Access: local or state wide; the system will not allow for channels going through multiple zones, for instance when transporting downstate you would need to switch to state wide. Emergency: tactical mode will keep you on that talk group; revert mode will take you to a different channel.

In answer to a question by Cmdr. Majewski, Mr. Fiedler stated that when transporting, going to a state wide channel will allow you to still talk to dispatch. Scanning: yes or no, if you roam out of the area,

you will have no indication; and you cannot be heard on the talk group, scanning will not hear you. Call alert: yes or no; this is a paging feature and can page a radio by unique identifier. Announcement groups can pull up to 15 talk groups together and can send a message to all.

Dir. Lamela stated that Motorola will set up 5-6 radios per agency and let them test them before programming all radios. Mr. Fiedler stated that he will need to know which buttons will be used for what purpose, if you want to use a button or scroll, etc. Each radio will have a unique alias identifier. The pros are you can see who it is. The cons are that they constantly need to be updated.

Channels were discussed. PD North and PD South will change to PD1 and PD2. Mr. Fiedler stated that if the decision was made to use zone banking, it would be limited to 2 banks of 3. Enhanced version gives you 25 zone banks but costs more money. Fire channels can be moved to zone B with EMA. DD Stoffa will send out the list of channels.

Tri-Com Items:

Dir. Lamela stated that they are having bi weekly phone calls with Mission Critical Partners. The architect will be walking through to do an assessment. There should be a rough draft of the study in April or May.

DD Stoffa stated that unit designators would be discussed at the next meeting. She has been working on critiques and will send them out as they are completed.

Dir. Lamela stated that there are 5 trainees right now. She asked that everyone let their officers know. One will be coming off training next week. Another dispatcher will be back from FMLA in a week.

St. Charles:

Cmdr. Bedell stated that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Saturday, March 9th from 2-3 P.M. St. Patrick's Day weekend will be busy. They have 3 officers in the academy who will be finishing in April. One in training resigned.

Geneva:

None

Batavia:

DC Autenrieth stated that they hired 2 certified officers.

Elburn:

Chief Sikora asked about the taxi situation that was discussed last month. DD Stoffa stated that they had no luck finding any companies. Chief Sikora stated that they hired a new part-time officer and are interviewing for another part-time position. They will be promoting one person to sergeant in March.

Sugar Grove:

None

Waubonsee:

None

South Elgin:

Absent

Action Items:

DD Stoffa: Will send out the list of proposed channels

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 P.M. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Police Operations Committee is Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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