

*Tri-Com Central Dispatch*

**POLICE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2021**

Members Present: Deputy Chief Chuck Pierce, St. Charles PD; Deputy Chief Shawn Mazza, Batavia PD; Deputy Chief Erich Schlachta, Elburn PD; Deputy Chief Brian Polkinghorn, South Elgin PD; Chief Pat Rollins, Sugar Grove PD; Sgt. Steve Collins, Waubensee PD; Director Joe Schelstreet, Tri-Com; Deputy Director LaToya Marz, Tri-Com

Members Absent: Commander Brian Maduzia, Geneva PD

Also Present: Kristina Rohrbach, GIS Analyst, Tri-Com  
Shevon Sherod-Ramirez, Administrative Assistant, Tri-Com

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

**Update on StarCom:**

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Street Tower is up. Motorola is signal testing. Waiting for official results.
- DC Pierce stated that they can transmit both in and out of building. The booking room is better.
- Landscape restoration is happening at the site now.
- Conventional equipment is on order.
- There are two MOUs with Aurora to connect directly to Open Sky. This will allow patching into radios or adding radios to console and do a permanent patch. Working on purchasing.
- APX6500 radios were ordered. No delivery date yet.
- There are three StarCom change orders for Genesis software to simulcast fire, the 10<sup>th</sup> street tower, and for the final sign off on project. This does not mean it is 100% perfect; however, Motorola has met their obligation.
- DC Schlachta stated that they need two radios programmed. Dir. Schelstreet will check on the flash upgrades for non-Wi-Fi.

**Update on Staffing:**

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- We are at 20 full-time dispatcher and 1 part-time. One candidate in backgrounds and one retiring in January.

**Director Report:**

Director Schelstreet reported:

- The gas line to the generator was leaking into the building. This was fixed.

- Working on water connection. Waiting for flow test for St. Charles. Civil engineer and fire protection are working on it. Probably looking at spring for water connection followed by parking lot and fencing. We will also be adding walls to Kristina's area.
- There has been one meeting to review the structural documents. Chief Rollins stated that this includes the IGA and looking at the dispatch fee calculations to keep it fair and equitable. Field activity drives the numbers for police. Fire does not have an equivalent.
- As a follow-up to the joint meeting, St. Charles ordered Smart Connect. Once received, they will set up a common SSID and password to be used by everyone in the county.
- DC Pierce said that, at the StarCom meeting, they learned that there are channels that do not go on repeaters. He is proposing that they take one of the non-repeater channels and train all staff. If in a building without Smart Connect, they could scan channels. Dir. Schelstreet stated that this would be a template change. They are doing a change to add the sheriff's office. He suggested discussing with everyone so that everyone understands the use and have the same definitions and usage.
- Dir. Schelstreet and DD Marz are on a committee. This project through the University of Chicago is looking at reinventing 911. The 911 community had a negative response to this. Much of the same vernacular as the psych protocol. Transform911.org

#### **Deputy Director Report:**

Deputy Director Marz reported:

- There is an error on portables that is "Wi-Fi Error" showing up on the side and light goes off. Motorola is looking into the issue. She will send out example photos.

#### **CAD Report:**

Absent

#### **GIS Report:**

Kristina Rohrbach reported:

- She will send out a list of any addresses that need to be verified.

#### **Training Coordinator Report:**

Deputy Director Marz reported the following for Andrew Kunstler:

- Asked if there were any agencies not allowing ride alongs. All have resumed.

#### **St. Charles:**

Deputy Chief Pierce reported the following:

- 2 new officers. Both are laterals.
- Steve Huffman passed away. He will send information on services.

#### **Geneva:**

Absent

#### **Batavia:**

Deputy Chief Mazza reported the following:

- 1 officer at SLEA will be graduating on 12/17/21
- 1 officer begins SLEA in January
- Still short one officer

#### **Elburn:**

Deputy Chief Schlachta reported the following:

- Had a successful Christmas stroll last weekend.
- 1 officer out of the academy.
- Part-time CSO position open.
- New police department referendum will be on the 11/22/22 election ballot.

#### **Sugar Grove:**

Chief Rollins reported the following:

- Ramon Alcaraz was promoted to sergeant.

#### **Waubensee Community College:**

Sergeant Steve Collins reported the following:

- He was promoted to full-time sergeant.
- They are looking for part-time and, possibly, full-time officers.

#### **South Elgin:**

Deputy Chief Polkinghorn reported the following:

- One third of their department has less than two years of experience.
- Space study being done for village hall and police department.
- They are budgeting for five license plate readers.
- Sgt. Czechowski will be attending meetings while he is at Quantico.

#### **Other Business:**

None

#### **Summary of Action Items:**

- Contact Chicago Communications for flash upgrades
- Channel 2 designators
- Scan List
- Wi-Fi error photos will be sent
- DC Pierce will send out Huffman's service information

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Police Operations Committee is Tuesday, April 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.