

Tri-Com Central Dispatch

FIRE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2020

Members Present: Deputy Chief Mark Einwich Geneva FD; Assistant Chief Mike Huneke, Elburn FD; Deputy Chief Craig Hanson, Batavia FD; Deputy Chief Mike Klemencic, North Aurora FD; Battalion Chief Joshua Lopez, Sugar Grove FD; Battalion Chief Jeremy Mauthe, St. Charles FD; Director Joe Schelstreet, Tri-Com; Deputy Director LaToya Marz. Tri-Com

Members Absent: Assistant Chief Matt Hanson, Elburn FD

Also Present: Andrew Kunstler, Training Coordinator, Tri-Com
Tammy Kleveno, CAD Systems Administrator, Tri-Com
Kristina Rohrbach, GIS Analyst, Tri-Com
Shevon Sherod-Ramirez, Administrative Assistant, Tri-Com

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. virtually via GoToMeeting.

Update on COVID-19:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- Still taking temperatures and everyone is wearing a mask inside.

Update on StarCom:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- Ten microphones (500) are being shipped on 11/23. They will be distributed for testing. If they work well, the microphones will be upgraded. Unsure what the Motorola credit will be for the old mics.
- DC Einwich stated that they should be tested with the radios that did not have their radio settings reprogrammed. BC Mauthe asked if Director Schelstreet could check with Steve Fielder at Motorola. He thought the settings made were only on microphones.
- The 10th Street Tower location will need a building inside the tower. This will be environmentally controlled. FGM Architects will do the plans to submit to the City of St. Charles. The VHF equipment will also go into this building. It will require a new generator and HVAC. Funding will be requested from ETSB at today's meeting.
- MOUs are being signed with different agencies including Aurora and QuadComm. All the connections will need to be tested. Elgin requested a StarComm group for Kane County.

Update on Basement Project:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- Construction is moving quickly. The front area should be filled in and the sidewalk poured on Friday. Bollards will be installed next week. The generator will be removed in January and the new one will be installed. Landscaping will be done in the spring.

Update on Staffing:

Director Schelstreet reported the following:

- Three currently in training. Another is starting on November 30. One should be on the floor in mid-December.

Deputy Director Report

DD Marz stated that two full radio stations would be added to the basement. Requesting funds from ETSB to upgrade all consoles.

She thanked everyone for requesting patching on Fire Ground White. Please remind your staff to use MCTs, especially during weather mode to cut down on radio traffic.

CAD Report:

Tammy Kleveno reminded everyone that Elburn truck 302 is going to have response changes. It will go in service in January. The squad is permanently out of service.

Last week there was a CAD upgrade (20.3) that fixed a bug. Let her know if there are any issues.

St. Charles Fire has been using a web-based Ops Center. This has limited capabilities and incurs maintenance costs. Kristina is working on creating a replacement.

Please return CAD Hazard Updates by mid-January.

GIS Report:

Kristina Rohrbach reported that she is working on an incident dashboard for St. Charles. Let her know if you have any questions.

She thanked everyone for collecting bike path mile marker information. She will be adding those and access points. If you would like a map, let her know.

Training Coordinator Report:

Andrew Kunstler stated that there are three trainees and another starting on November 30. The changes in training means that dispatchers can be released for call taking and police dispatching after about four months. He will begin fire training with one trainee in February/March.

Tri-Com Items:

Dir. Schelstreet stated that Tri-Com would be requesting about \$700,000 from the ETSB for new consoles, radio positions, CAD maintenance, etc. from reserves. Due to the failure of the tax proposal, there could be potential sweeps of funds.

St. Charles Items:

BC Mauthe stated that they are moving forward with the DVRS. There will be two simplex ops channels. The duplex (STC Ops) will be fore repeating TAC (fire ground) channel only. He is asking everyone to add TAC1 and TAC2 for interacting on fire ground. They have found many agencies

nationwide are using simplex for reliability. They paid for two frequencies for St. Charles. He will email all the information to everyone.

BC Mauthe asked about reprogramming. Dir. Schelstreet stated that they are addressing tower and microphone issues with Motorola. There has not been any authorization from the board for reprogramming.

Geneva Items:

None

Batavia Items:

None

Elburn Items:

Assistant Chief Huneke stated that they are updating responses. Station 3 should be up and running by the end of the year. Extrication equipment is on each engine and some will go to the ladder. Tender 302 will now be by Tender 303 out of Station 3.

Sugar Grove Items:

BC Lopez stated that ComEd still has not come out to fix the issues at Prestbury. He will let Dir. Schelstreet know if he hear anything. Public Works is ready with a generator if the power is lost.

North Aurora Items:

DC Klemencic asked if there was an update on station alerting. Dir. Schelstreet stated that it was supposed to ship on November 6. He will be checking on that.

He asked that he be copied on anything normally sent to the Chief while he is out.

Other Items:

Action Items:

- BC Mauthe will send out information regarding DVRS and simplex channels.
- Dir. Schelstreet will send out information on flash upgrades.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:51 A.M. The next meeting of the Tri-Com Fire Operations Committee is Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. *Change from usual date due to the Christmas holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

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