

**Radio System User Committee  
Minutes  
April 9, 2008**

The meeting of the Radio System User Committee was called to order, by Chairman Paul D. Neumyer at 3:35 pm in Room 43 of the Justice Center of Ozaukee County, Port Washington. Roll Call was taken and present were committee members: Paul Neumyer (Chairman), Supv. Gerald Walker, William Meloy, James L. Albrinck, David Harvey, Bill Tackes and Wendy Maechtle. Others in attendance: John Schrader, Cedarburg Fire Dept.; Supv. David W. Barrow III; and Shawn Anderson, Technology Resources.

Per Chairman Neumyer, meeting was properly noticed. Motion made by Jim Albrinck, seconded by Supv. Walker to adopt agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Neumyer advised he had not received any public correspondence or communications.

Jim Albrinck stated that he received an email from Supv. Gus Wirth regarding Fire Battalion Chief Bob Whittaker of North Shore inquiring about the possibility of Ozaukee County installing a trunking control base at the Justice Center for a quick patch between Milwaukee and Ozaukee County's radio systems for interoperability during mutual aid fire calls. Discussion ensued. Chief Harvey will take this back to the fire chiefs for discussion at their next meeting. With the implementation of MABAS this trunking control base may not be necessary. This could possibly benefit the law enforcement side as well. Shawn Anderson stated that a cost could be involved, and he would look into it after the re-banding project is completed. Wendy Maechtle questioned why Chief Whittaker approached Ozaukee County and not Milwaukee County to install a trunking control base at their end at their cost to accomplish the intended interoperability. The item was tabled.

Agenda item 4, 'Approval of October 18, 2007 Minutes'. Jim Albrinck noted in the minutes that Duane Willborn was to provide a 'sample' agreement between agencies authorizing the programming of each others' talk groups in each others' radios. Wendy Maechtle stated that Duane was unable to find such an agreement in existence. Motion made by Jim Albrinck, seconded by Bill Tackes to approve the October 18, 2007 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Agenda item 5, 'Update on the Current Radio System Re-banding and Equipment Replacement'.

Shawn Anderson stated that the new 800 radio backbone is installed and on-line; there are a few bugs that are being worked on, but nothing that is perceptible to the end users; there is vast improvement in coverage; the Harrington Beach terrain is still an issue – some improvement may be seen, but not much; the mutual aid repeaters are in place, operational and on-line. Discussion ensued. Jim Albrinck stated they had a chimney fire at the west end of the county and the portable coverage was great. Chief Harvey stated

that there is talk from the County's southern fire departments of going off the 800 system to the conventional system for on-site portable radio communications.

Shawn provided a re-banding update. Port Washington PD mobiles and portables are completed. Port Washington and Belgium Fire mobiles are completed. Ozaukee Parks and Ozaukee Transit radios are completed. Ozaukee Highway radios are in progress, and they are doing their own installs. All fire portables are on hold due to a programming capacity issue, and a change of orders has been submitted to Nextel.

Shawn stated that the completion date of the fall of 2008 is still the goal, but has become an aggressive goal at this point. Shawn will update the County website with this information.

Agenda item 6, 'MABAS Channels for the Fire Services'. John Schrader and Chief Dave Harvey led discussion on MABAS channels and the potential options available.

Agenda item 7, 'Mutual Aid Channels and their Allocation for the Fire and Police Services.' Discussion ensued in regards to updating the radio system failure backup procedure; training end users in the backup procedure; end user practice – conducting drills and placing the radio system into failure; and the allocation of mutual aid channels among the end users – which users will have access to the mutual aid channels. In the interim it was decided that Cedarburg, Mequon and Thiensville PD's would utilize ITAC3; Ozaukee County Sheriff would utilize ICALL; and all other County police agencies would utilize ITAC1.

Shawn Anderson stated that a grant is in the works to meet the costs of installing all five mutual aid repeaters in our county along with all five mutual aid receivers and voters for ICALL and ITAC1 through ITAC4.

Shawn Anderson will assist the sub-committee of Neumyer, Albrinck and Maechtle in updating the radio system failure backup procedure.

Agenda item 8, 'Training Issues for all Users in regards to a System-Wide Disruption or Failure'. This item was discussed under Agenda Item 7. Bill Tackes suggested that a general re-training of end users in general overall operation of mobile and portable radios was in order along with a system-wide radio protocols overview review.

After discussion, the Committee determined that another Radio User Group meeting should be held around late June – mid July 2008.

There being no further business, motion by Supv. Walker, seconded by Chief Harvey to adjourn at 5:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Cc: County Clerk

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