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Police Department

OZAUKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCH TASK FORCE

July 28, 2014

Christine Nuernberg Hall

MINUTES

Police Chief Graff called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Present:

Anderson, Shawn	Oz. Co. Radio Services	Maechtle, Wendy	Oz. Co. Dispatch Supervisor
Bialk, David	Mequon Fire Chief	Meaux, Thomas	Oz. Co. Administrator
Frank, Thomas	Cedarburg Police Chief	Mertes, Christy	Cedarburg Administrator
Goetz, Jeffrey	Saukville Police Chief	Nicholson, Scott	Thiensville Police Chief
Graff, Steve	Mequon Police Chief	Rice, William	Grafton Fire Chief
Hingiss, Kevin	Port Washington Police Chief	Vansholtz, Jeffrey	Cedarburg Fire Chief
Hofland, Darrell	Grafton Administrator		

Also Present:

Dwinzel, Jason	Oz. Co. Asst. Administrator	Thyes, Jesse	Mequon Acting City Admin.
Johnson, James	Oz. Co. Undersheriff		

Review and approve meeting minutes of January 22, 2014

Action: Motion to approve meeting minutes (corrected title for Mr. Vansholtz) (Mertes/Maechtle).

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

Public Comment

Chief Graff opened the meeting to public comment; none was made.

Status of Consultant Search/RFP

Mr. Meaux reported that no consultant was hired due to the lack of unanimous Task Force member support; however, the County Board is still interested in a coordinated dispatch.

Other Business

Issue: How to migrate to P25 before current equipment end of life.

Discussion/Comments:

5 year goal with inter-operability

Console electronic control - VidaCore switch provides future Core based off IP Technology. Allows anyone with connection to Ozaukee County virtual dispatch consolidation (strictly from radios).

Infrastructure will allow migration with implementation of VidaCore.

VidaCore is part of the 10 year plan; an upgrade by Harris is needed.

Radios need upgrade, dispatch consoles upgrade through VidaCore. Any recent or future Harris purchases are P25 compatible.

Cost estimates would be needed for local consoles if not consolidating. Current radios are operable on current platform – will work another 10 years with FCC approval.

Mr. Meaux suggested hiring a consultant for analysis (unbiased to vendors). Believes there is merit to looking at virtual dispatch environment. A consultant could look at both consolidation and equipment upgrades/costs/feasibility.

Concerns:

Backup plan if County console goes down – ways to address (go wireless).

Funding – may be costs to local communities; County to handle backbone, no cost initially.

Chief Graff reported that Mequon just approved purchase of a next generation 911 system which can host other sites.

Discussions shifted from consolidated dispatch to seeking improved linkage in technology (better to use what everyone has if municipalities keep their own dispatch).

Ozaukee County will upgrade their equipment in the future. Sheboygan County approached them and expressed interest in working with them for hardware purchase.

Do we need to continue the Task Force to look at technology linkage moving forward or create a smaller technology group to look toward equipment needs – purchase power? Can the Radio User Group perform this analysis under the current MOU? Assuming authority –who then would this group work with/report to?

What about just reviewing Sheboygan's results as opposed to hiring a consultant?

It was suggested that a motion was needed to take consolidation off the table so as to move forward on equipment/hardware purchase power. Would this Task Force then disband – morph into an oversight for the User Group? It was discussed that Motorola is very motivated – should they give a presentation to the User Group?

Action: Motion to consolidate into one dispatch center (Hofland/Meaux)
A 10 minutes recess was requested.

Upon the group reconvening, concern was expressed about taking a vote without proper notice of action. Mr. Meaux stated that this group is advisory; its resolution is charged with development of a comp plan (which can mean anything; consolidation or a hybrid) to present to the County Board.

The motion was withdrawn.

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2014; 2:00 pm, City of Mequon, Christine Nuernberg Hall

Adjourn:

Action: Motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. (Meaux/Hofland).

Result: Motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF MEQUON POLICE DEPARTMENT
Diane Kowalchuk, Executive Assistant