

User Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: EOC

Present at meeting:

Members Present:

Linda Bergstrand – Fredenberg and Grand Lake Fire Departments/Arrowhead EMS
Gail Lanyk – Arrowhead EMS/McDavitt Fire Department
Michael Hamilton – LNFF Coalition/Embarrass Fire Chief
Barbara Johnson – Arrowhead EMS
Cory Suonvieri – Floodwood PD

Interested Parties:

Duane Johnson - St Louis County 9-1-1 Communications
Steve Steblay – St. Louis County Sheriff's Office
Scott Camps – St Louis County 9-1-1 Communications
Bruce Hegrenes – St. Louis County Sheriff's Office
Grant Gimpel – 148th Air National Guard/Grand Lake Fire Departments
Dan Lysher – 148th Air National Guard/Grand Lake Fire Departments
Erik Jankila – Hibbing Fire Department
Patsy Kingsley – St. Louis County 9-1-1 Communications

Meeting Minutes: (Advisory meeting only / No quorum)

1. Call to Order

Dewey Johnson called the meeting to order - advisory meeting only/no quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

No corrections or additions to previous meeting minutes (no quorum).

3. New Business

Steve –

The next User Board meeting will be held at the McDavitt Fire Hall at 10:00A.M. in Zimm. Address/location information will be included in the upcoming email meeting notifications. Election of new representatives will be held during that meeting.

Gail –

McDavitt FD will be hosting the Arrowhead meeting on Dec. 4, 2014 at 5:00pm.

Scott –

Both Scott and Sheriff Litman attended a Strategic Planning meeting to provide input to the State Emergency Communications Board regarding fees when using text messaging to contact

911 services. Service should be coming in the next year or so, but there is much work to do with cellular vendors and CAD vendors.

A statewide GIS mapping system will be rolling out. The State is looking for input from local GIS systems users.

4. Unfinished Business

ARMER Update

Bruce -

LSC doesn't have a site yet. Meander site (wind/solar) is complete. Soudan/Argo Lk./Palo are now under contract and construction is to begin soon. Line Lk. is still waiting on a site. Eerie Hill tower is built. Markham/Palo does not have paging ability. Kabetogama is moving to a State site 3 mi. north of current location. The Vermillion Dam site coverage will be getting better. Equipment has been ordered for simulcast paging and a building site has been agreed upon for the Hibbing site. Lake Co./Slate Lk. is on air now and Carlton Co. is adding a new site. Grants have been received to provide upgrades.

Training/Reprogramming

Bruce -

Motorola has agreed to provide upgrades on radios. An inventory of all radios will be done once upgrades are complete. If an agency cannot produce a radio, they'll have 1 month to contact St. Louis County to come out and repair/upgrade. Radios are getting close to end of product life. After the warranty period expires, St. Louis County will have to do own repairs.

Remodeling of the EOC is taking place and once complete, EOC will serve as a back-up to 9-1-1 Center.

IS-300 training will take place on the 24th & 25th of this month - Steve Olson of Lake Co. is coordinating.

Scott -

314/326 towers activated are now in use. They will need continued upgrades due to software changes.

Box Alarms

Erik -

Out of 87 fire departments, 50% are participating in Box Alarm. Jason Mathias has completed the 1st page alarm and is currently working on 2nd alarm. Eventually, Box Alarm will pull outside departments in as resources for larger calls (all automated). This will alleviate Incident Commanders from having to request additional backup from Dispatch. At recent Box Alarm meetings, Erik reported there were approximately 40 members present (good turn-out).

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.