



***St. Louis County 911  
User Board Meeting  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

**User Board Members:**

Barbara Johnson (Arrowhead EMS, Orr Ambulance), John Themmes (Lakehead Fire), Penny Buckingham (Cook Ambulance), Linda Bergstrand (Grand Lake/Fredenberg Fire Departments), Kerry Kolodge (Duluth Police Department), Commissioner Keith Nelson (St. Louis County), Steve Shykes (Arrowhead Fire Fighters Association).

**Interested Parties:**

Lisa Rae Johannessohn (911 Virginia), Dewey Johnson (St. Louis County Communications), Patsy Kingsley (Virginia 911), Marcus Bruning (St. Louis County Communications), Eric Jenkila (Hibbing Fire Department), Joy Hill (911 Duluth)

**Approve Last Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Keith Nelson/Kerry Kollodge. Motion carried.

Meeting called to order at 10:04am by Chair Barb Johnson.

**Communications:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

Marcus discussed the ARMER participation plan for St. Louis County. The study will be funded by a grant from the state of Minnesota. GeoComm submitted a bid for 46,000 and includes the city of Duluth. Keith Nelson advised to keep original language as was in the original proposal.

Lisa discussed the CAD upgrade. There are a few issues and staff is working with Tiburon on the issues. Mobile connectivity and mapping problems are the two main issues being worked on. Marcus discussed the versions of CAD and the version we upgraded to is a brand new version.

### **New Business:**

Keith Nelson advised that the State Legislature is looking at tapping into the E911 fund to offset the state deficit. The County is watching this very closely as the fund is used for equipment, training, and operational costs.

Marcus reported the State of Minnesota has awarded St. Louis County with \$125,000 of turn back funds from another grant. These funds will be used for infrastructure capacity for radio communications.

There was discussion on a port grant which can be used for end-user equipment.

The fire departments on the range who received an AFG grant applied for an extension and it has been approved.

There are two AFG grant workshops coming up. One is March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mesabi Range College at 7pm and one at LSC (ERTC training center) on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Dewey will be coordinating grant workshops for fire departments to complete their application requests.

Members of the communications staff will be attending the Tiburon Users Conference in San Diego CA. Marcus request the April meeting be pushed back to May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Duluth center staff is completely trained on the new APCO EMD program and is currently using the system. Midway is completing training this month.

### **Other Business:**

Keith Nelson initiated a discussion on air medical service in St. Louis County. There was also discussion on the need for public safety to do a better job of communicating capabilities to the public.

### **Next Meeting:**

10:00 am @ Hermantown Public Safety Building May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
(5111 Maple Grove Rd.- intersection of Maple Grove and Lavaque Rd.)

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned @ 10:52.