



911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, AT 2PM

ROCK COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. May 15, 2019 minutes approval
3. Comments from the Public
4. Information Technology – Updates
 - a. Web access on laptops
 - b. NetMotion Diagnostic Software (FirstNet coverage)
5. Policy – Updates
 - a. F1 – Fire & EMS (pp. 13, 15 & 16)
 - b. S1 - Severe Weather Warning System (pp.1, 2 & 4)
6. RapidSOS
7. Informational Items & Updates
 - a. Pictometry digital imagery flyover
 - b. Starcom project - update
 - c. MASTR III/Simulcast project - update
 - d. Next Generation (NG911) - update
 - e. 911 Open House – 10/19/19
 - f. Joint Powers Agreements
8. Adjournment

Commission members:

*Please contact the Communications Center
if you are unable to attend.
In order to conduct official business,
A quorum must be present.*

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911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
May 15, 2019

Members present: Chief David Moore, Janesville Police Department; Deputy Chief James Ponkauskas, Janesville Fire Department; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief Brad Liggett, Beloit Fire Department; Chief David Zibolski, Beloit Police Department; Chief Rich LeFeber, Town of Turtle Police Department

Members Not Present: Interim Chief Gene Wright, Clinton Fire Department; Deputy Chief Chris Lukas, Milton Fire Department; Sergeant Chris Jones, Evansville Police Department

Others present: Kathy Sukus, Rock County Communications Center; Dara Mosley, Rock County IT; Tammy Maegli, Town of Beloit Chair

1. Group photo for county website
2. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
Brad Liggett called the meeting of the 911 Commission to order at 2:05 p.m. Motion to approve the agenda by LeFeber with change of the group photo to first item. Second by Zibolski. All approved.
3. Minutes – January 16, 2019
Motion by Zibolski to approve minutes as written. Second by Moore. All approved.
4. Comments from the Public – Tammy Maegli was present to listen and learn as she is the new Town of Beloit Chair for the Town of Beloit Board.
5. Information Technology – Updates
 - a. US Cellular issues – appears to be an issue with one type of modem. Trying to get a firmware update from US Cellular. We are trying our own fix on a few vehicles to see if it resolves the issue while waiting on US Cellular. If that does work, we will notify the other agencies with what to do.
 - b. NetMotion Diagnostic Software (FirstNet coverage) – The software to start mapping network coverage has been ordered and installed on the server. Once a necessary firewall change has occurred, IT will start putting the software in select vehicles around the county test the current coverage. Once that is done, they will begin testing a FirstNet device to compare coverage.
6. Medical Examiner notifications - Update
Law Workgroup met on March 26th to discuss possible policy changes. As a result, the prompt for the pop-ups from dispatch will continue, but there will be no change to policies. (notifications or records release). Beloit Chief Zibolski had a good meeting with them after the workgroup met. He will share his information with everyone as well as other topics discussed.
7. Informational Items & Updates

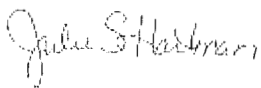
- a. Pictometry flyover – Flyover completed last week. Took longer than expected due to the unusual weather issues we had with snow and rain. Still needs to be reviewed to make sure there isn't too much foliage.
- b. Starcom – We have been denied so far due to being too far from the Stateline and their FCC license requirements. We suggested putting the radio at the Mill Street tower, but that also created FCC licensing issues. We are now checking to see if they will allow the radio to be placed at the Winnebago tower on N Main Street where we have other radio equipment for Beloit PD and are waiting to hear back. Sheriff Knudson said he could also contact the Winnebago County Sheriff to see if it was possible to put our equipment in their tower since Sukus had not received a reply from the Winnebago County 911 Director yet.
- c. MASTR III radio updates & Simulcast systems – Equipment is in and FCC licensing applied for – there were no conflicts with County Tac Repeater, however, there is a frequency conflict between Rock Fire Central and Roscoe Fire Department's dispatch channel. Gen Comm will be meeting with Roscoe FD to discuss options. In the meantime, Gen Comm also applied for FCC licensing for County Main and Rock Fire Main in preparation for next year. There were no conflicts with either frequency so Sukus advised that because of the Rock Fire Central issues and the length of time it will take to resolve that issue and coverage issues on County Main, we will be upgrading those two frequencies in 2019 instead since they use the same exact equipment. Sukus will re-budget for RF Central & County Tac updates/simulcast for 2020 now.

8. Adjournment

Knudson moved to adjourn the Commission meeting at 2:35 p.m. and Zibolski seconded it. All in favor.

Next Meeting – July 17, 2019 @ 2pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Hartman
Administrative Secretary
Rock County Communications Center

SUMMARY

Policy: The Rock County Communications Center has been designated by Wisconsin Emergency Management as the warning point for the citizens in Rock County and Green Counties. All severe weather information received from the designated sources will be immediately broadcast over the local warning network in the prescribed manner.

A. Outdoor Siren Test

1. The outdoor warning sirens are tested at 12:05 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month April through October. The Emergency Management Director for Rock County may change the schedule or cancel a test due to weather conditions or any other unforeseen circumstances.
2. Follow the standard operating procedure on activating outdoor warning system (sirens).

B. Severe Weather Watch/Warning

1. From early spring through late fall, our area is subject to severe weather and the threat of tornados. The Communications Center has a direct link to the National Weather Service in Sullivan via WISCOM on RCALL 11, the NAWAS phone and a secondary link via the TIME system network.
2. The National Severe Storm Forecast Center and the National Weather Service work hand-in-hand to provide information in a timely manner to give as much lead-time as possible for this type of weather. When severe weather is possible for our area, we will receive the information via the ~~NAWAS phone~~ RCALL 11 followed by a hard copy on the TIME system.
3. There are two (2) key words in the severe storm forecasts; **"WATCH"** means conditions are favorable and **"WARNING"** means it has or will take place. These two (2) words will determine how quickly you must react and the order in which you should react.

4. The Communications Center activates all warning sirens in Rock County simultaneously. It will be necessary to notify all public safety agencies as well as the County Emergency Management Director when the warning sirens have been or will be activated.
5. There are two (2) types of tornado warnings:
 - a. **CONFIRMED** - reported by the National Weather Service, law enforcement, fire service, EMS or any public utility personnel.
 - b. **UNCONFIRMED** - reported by private citizens that cannot be immediately verified by law enforcement, fire, EMS personnel.
 - i. Under normal circumstances a single source **UNCONFIRMED** tornado will not trigger a tornado warning. It may, however, trigger a tornado warning under adverse conditions or multiple reports of a funnel cloud in the same general area.
 - ii. Based on the information available at the time, the Communications Center Supervisor will make a decision on whether the sirens should be activated on **UNCONFIRMED** reports.

C. Severe Weather WATCHES

Thunderstorm and Tornado Watch: Upon receiving a thunderstorm or tornado **WATCH** in Rock County via RCALL 11 the ~~NAWAS~~ system:

- a. The Communications Center will send a message to all mobile data units with watch location and expiration time.
- b. Make certain that all other staff members are fully aware of the watch.
- c. As time permits, fill out the log and attach any corresponding TTYs. Forward paperwork to the Operations Manager when the warning has expired.

D. Severe Weather WARNINGS

Thunderstorm Warning: Warnings must be completed within two (2) minutes of being received.

- a. Check for emergency traffic on all radio channels.
- b. Follow the standard operating procedure for law enforcement and fire/EMS notification on fan-outs. If any jurisdiction has an emergency incident, they should not be included in the simul-select setup.
- c. Make certain that all other staff are fully aware of the watch.
- d. As time permits, fill out the log and attach any corresponding TTYs. Forward paperwork to the Operations Manager when the warning has expired.

Tornado Warning: Requires the cooperation of **all** staff in the Center.

- a. Follow the standard operating procedure on activating outdoor warning system (sirens).
- b. Follow the standard operating procedure for law enforcement notification and fire/EMS notification for tornado warnings.
- c. Notify the Emergency Management Director via phone.
- d. As time permits, fill out the log and attach any corresponding TTY. Forward paperwork to the Operations Manager when the warning has expired.

Upon receiving a thunderstorm/tornado warning, time is very critical. In order to complete the warning in **two (2) minutes or less**, it will require the cooperative effort of at least two (2) people. The people must split the duties during the alert process and each must have a clear understanding of what they are responsible for. During the times of severe storms, the National Weather Service will request information in regards to:

Wind speed, hail diameter, intensity of rain, flooding if any, along with any damage reports and location of same. Officers in the field will also be reporting this information to you so you may not

have to request it. During tornado warning conditions, we will need to know:

- a. Intensity of rain.
- b. Presence of hail and hail diameter.
- c. Presence of wall cloud.
- d. Funnel cloud presence currently in the air or on the ground and direction of travel.

~~E. Green County Weather Alerts~~

~~Because the Rock County Communications Center is the warning point for Green County, when the Communications Center receives severe weather information for Green County, the information will be passed on to the Green County Dispatch Center via Point-to-Point radio or via telephone, whichever is the most efficient manner. TTYs for Green County weather information will not be forwarded to the Operations Manager.~~

Dogs with Dispatchers!

- Meet our dispatchers & calltakers.
- Sit at a console and listen to live incidents.
- Learn how to text to 911.



- Have a hotdog & snacks.
- Meet local K9 officers & their dogs.
- Take a mini-dispatcher test to see if you have what it takes!



9-1-1 OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 19th - 11:00am-2pm

Rock County 911 Center
3636 N CTY TK F, Janesville

SPECIAL GUEST DOGS:
JANESVILLE PD &
ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
K-9 UNITS