

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

September 18, 2019

Daniel Pease called the meeting of the 911 Commission to order at 2:02 pm on September 18, 2019. **NOTE: No Quorum present so no official business was conducted.**

Members present: Chief David Moore, Janesville Police Department; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Chief Ernie Rhodes, Janesville Fire Department; Interim Chief Daniel Pease, Beloit Fire Department

Members Not Present: Interim Chief Gene Wright, Clinton Fire Department; Deputy Chief Chris Lukas, Milton Fire Department; Interim Chief Patrick Reese, Evansville Police Department; Chief David Zibolski, Beloit Police Department; Chief Rich LeFeber, Town of Turtle Police Department

Others present: Kathy Sukus & Brian Becker, Rock County Communications Center; Dara Mosley & Kayne Cushman, Rock County IT; Chief Bob Kowalski, Edgerton Police Department; Michael Moore, Avon Town Chair

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
No Quorum Present
2. Minutes – May 15, 2019
No Quorum Present (approve at the November meeting).
3. Comments from the Public – Michael Moore, Avon Town Chair- advised that he has been working for four years on legislation to ban target shooting on DNR grounds and on May 22nd it passed. It is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.
4. Information Technology – Updates
 - a. Web access on laptops – Discussion on whether IT gives more access to sites on agencies laptops keeping in mind there is no real way to show who or what vehicle is looking at what. This discussion will be carried over for next meeting.
 - b. NetMotion Diagnostic Software (FirstNet coverage) – Kayne showed examples of vehicles that have the software and the coverage it had as well as where coverage is a little spotty yet. Working on getting more cars set up to further test coverage and gather more data to see what software will work best for us. FirstNet is way ahead of schedule with putting in towers and expect to be complete next year.
5. Policy – Updates
No Quorum Present
6. RapidSOS - Sukus advised that the Communications Center will soon have new technology to fill the gaps with locating wireless callers until Next Generation 911 is a reality in Wisconsin. The service is funded by Google & Apple and provided to 911 Centers across the country for free. The service uses the location

provided by the device vs. triangulation through cell towers, which will make it much more accurate. It is currently only available on IOS12 & Android devices. Consumers will not have to sign up for anything or put any applications on their phones, it will only be tracked when 911 is called from the device. Other data information can also be provided to 911 for citizens with MedicAlert bracelets and Uber customers with more services to come. This will be an additional tool for call takers and utilized in conjunction with our current call taking protocols, especially in situations where the callers cannot tell the call taker their location. Once the Communications Center receives access to the portal they will put out a press release.

7. Informational Items & Updates

- a. Pictometry digital imagery flyover – The Flyover was completed in the Spring of 2019, however due to unfortunate weather conditions the images were not the quality that was promised by the vendor and there is too much foliage coverage. We will be able to keep those images for our use, but Pictometry will be doing a new flyover in the Spring of 2020 to obtain better imagery.
- b. Starcom project - update– Was installed at each dispatch console this week. Additional testing will need to be completed before it's ready. Thank you to Sheriff Knudson for coordinating with the Winnebago County Illinois Sheriff to allow us to place some radio equipment at one of their towers.
- c. MASTR III radio updates & Simulcast systems – IT was approved too install equipment on County Main and Rock Fire Main still in 2019. We had to send out 27 LOCs and are waiting on 3 of them, but should be approved soon. Sucus has re-budget for RF Central & County Tac updates/simulcast for 2020 now.
- d. Next Generation (NG911) – update – There is currently an RFP out for the design/implementation of a statewide ESInet (emergency services internet service) that will be the backbone to the 911 services in the state in the coming years. There is also a grant available to 911 Centers in the state who have not purchased NG911 capable equipment yet. About 50% of the over 600 centers in the state have not updated any equipment for NG911 purposes.
- e. 911 Open House – 10/19/19 – We will be having an open house to invite the public to meet our dispatchers/call takers, listen to live incidents, take a mini test to see if they think it's a job they may be interested in, etc. We will be having hotdogs and snacks and having a K9 dogs and officers here as well. Thank you for sharing our flyer.
- f. Joint Powers Agreements – have been sent out if your board should ask you about them. They are sent out every year. After we receive them back from your agency we sign them and send them to the County Board for approval and their signature and then main a final copy back to you.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm

Next Meeting – November 20, 2019 @ 2pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Hartman
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Rock County Communications Center