

911 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

March 20, 2019

James Ponkauskas called the meeting of the 911 Commission to order at 2:03 p.m on March 20, 2019. **NOTE: No Quorum present so no official business was conducted.**

Members present: Chief David Moore, Janesville Police Department; Deputy Chief James Ponkauskas, Janesville Fire Department; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Sergeant Chris Jones, Evansville Police Department

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

Others present: Kathy Sukus and Brian Becker, Rock County Communications Center; Dara Mosley, Rock County IT; Barry Irmen, Medical Examiner; Dr. Vincent Tranchida, Medical Examiner

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
No Quorum Present
2. Minutes – January 16, 2019
No Quorum Present (approve at May meeting).
3. Comments from the Public – No public present
4. Medical Examiner notifications
Barry Irmen & Dr. Vincent Tranchida from the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office brought up concerns about delayed notifications to death scenes in the county. Irmen stated there have been times where it has been 3-4 hours or longer before they are notified and that long of a delay could impair their investigation as the body changes rapidly after death. They request that changes be made to allow the communications center to contact them immediately when a death occurs. Potential policy changes will be looked at and discussed at the Joint Workgroup meeting, March 26, 2019. Any policy change recommendations will be brought back to the commission in May for approval.
5. Spotcrime.com request
Janesville PD & the Sheriff's Office were recently contacted by this company with an open ended records request for crime data. Mosley stated that this information is already provided to another company (RAIDS) and that unless an agency is working with a company directly and requires this information, that we would rather not have multiple companies to keep track of for these types of requests.
6. IT Updates
 - a. Spillman software on non-departmental devices – Dara Mosley discussed how it has been asked in the past to have this on devices that are not property of the county as people work from home, etc and it has always

been a no as that is just another way for privileged information to be out there and the wrong person(s) could access it.

- b. US Cellular meeting – they are trying to match AT&T's FirstNet and the services they are offering. IT will be trying both along with their devices. US Cellular has excellent Customer Service and coverage in our county, so that is something to consider.

7. Informational Items & Updates

- a. STARCOM status – waiting for it to go through Winnebago County's STARCOM committee for approval. Should be ready for use within the next month or so.
- b. UW Whitewater PD @ Rock County campus – We are not dispatching for them, but they may call in on the radio from time to time. They have County Main and Janesville Main programmed in their portable radios, but have some in building coverage issues that they will need to look into.

8. Group photo

Not taken at this meeting.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm

Next Meeting – May 15, 2019 @ 2pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie Hartman
Administrative Secretary
Rock County Communications Center