

**RIVERCOM USER GROUP MEETING**  
**RiverCom Conference Room,**  
**Wenatchee, Washington**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 2008**

Present: Karl Jonasson, Chelan EMS; Wayne Walker, Lifeline Ambulance; Tom Martin, CCFD#8; Tyke Gaskell, WFD; Dennis Ashmore, CCFD#7; Bill Horner CCFD#3; Rod Fountain, CCFD#9; Mike Dingle, DCSO Emergency Management; Millie Tirapelle and Jerry Corder, RiverCom.

Karl Jonasson, Chelan EMS called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions: Made by all present.

RiverCom Director Report:

- Director Tirapelle gave a staffing update.
- Director Tirapelle reported that eighteen people, including the WA Utilities and Transportation Commission Deputy Director, took the trip to Stehekin for the town meeting. The Deputy Director noted questions to be brought up for discussion with Richard Weaver of WeavTel. A new power supply and antenna were discussed. The day proved educational to all present.
- Director Tirapelle reported on the tower at Blag. Ron Kuch and John Fleckenstein corrected the Cascade Medical problem. There is one local resident that has expressed a concern about the construction of the tower; the USFS will be contacting the party. The additional \$7000 anticipated in funding for a USFS Project Manager will not be needed.
- Director Tirapelle advised that no quotes were received for the Upper Badger Mountain generator Request for Bid. RiverCom will now solicit three independent quotes, as per Agency policy
- Director Tirapelle advised that the new Spillman fire run report is not logging response times correctly. Use of the automated form has been suspended while the Spillman design group works on a fix for the problem. Until the corrections have been made dispatch will be using the old report.
- Director Tirapelle reported that the map books are due to be released on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The map pages are not populating in Firehouse; they have to be manually entered into the reporting form.
- Director Tirapelle advised that Misty is available for response questions. Bob Schwiesow and Chief Moser are handling the mapping. Tyke Gaskell suggested working on streamlining the map update and distribution process.
- Director Tirapelle advised that the GIS work group is making significant progress on mapping and addressing. Lynn Palmer has put a great deal of effort into this committee.
- Director Tirapelle advised that Tom Stoddard, IT Director from Island County was hired to consult with Jackie on Spillman technology. He spent two days at RiverCom.

Committee Reports:

- Spillman Administrative Management Group (SAM): Jerry Corder advised that Spillman will be going to Mobil 4.3 in September. Jim Brown is the contact for the upgrade project. Jerry advised that the power supply for CAD maintenance has arrived.

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Good of the Order:

- Bill Horner advised that incident coordination (TAC communications) between Emergency Management and Fire/EMS is one of the biggest problems. Director Tirapelle advised that Jackie would be taking this issue to the July meeting of the EMS Council/SAR group.
- Tyke Gaskell discussed the use of the locator signs. The Loop Trail would be a good place to implement their use. Karl advised they have this in place in the City Parks in Chelan. A suggestion was made that this might be a good Eagle Scout Project.
- Wayne Walker, Lifeline Ambulance discussed the issuing of permits for special events like bike rides and races. The permit should require a map of the event Route and be distributed to the public safety community prior to the scheduled date.
- Mike Dingle, EM Specialist DCSO inquired about MY State USA training. Jerry advised training will take place from 1330—1430 pm on July 9<sup>th</sup> at RiverCom in Jackie's office. The State EAS Web Demo will take place on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike advised that the EAS Red flag warning broadcasts were distorted; he will contact Don Miller regarding the problem. Mike also advised Day Wireless is working on the repeaters for Central Washington Hospital to include the HEAR frequency. Wayne Walker advised that Lifeline is having problems with HEAR. Mike further advised that the certification requirements for Pangborn will be higher in November. A full functional drill is being planned for the fall.
- Chelan County #9 Chief Rod Fountain advised they couldn't access the repeater for Round Mountain. He asked if the repeater will be in next year's budget. Director Tirapelle advised that discussion will have to take place with the Board. The current budget provides for repair and maintenance, not capital expenditures. The estimated cost to purchase a repeater is \$15,000.
- Karl Jonasson expressed appreciation to Manson Chief Arnold Baker for his grant writing efforts. He advised they are starting to be rewarded.
- Tom Martin, Entiat Fire District inquired if the initial incident report can include the time- out (for purposes of having the dispatch time on the pager) *Director Tirapelle will check with Operations.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am

**Next Meeting: August 12, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.**