

RIVERCOM USER GROUP MEETING
RiverCom Conference Room,
Wenatchee, Washington
Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Present: Phil Moser, CCFD#1; Wayne Walker, Lifeline Ambulance; Tom Martin, CCFD#8; Glen Widener, WFD; Mike Dingle, DCSO Emergency Management; Shawn Ballard, Ballard Ambulance; Jim Brown, Wenatchee Police Department; Millie Tirapelle and Jerry Corder, RiverCom.

Chairman Phil Moser called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions: Made by all present.

Minutes: The draft minutes of the July meeting was unanimously approved as printed.

Directors Report:

- Director Tirapelle gave a staffing update.
- *Blag:* IT/Radio Systems Manager Jerry Corder advised that RiverCom is moving forward with the tower at BLAG. The USFS requirements have been met. This will be a turn key operation for RiverCom. The steel should arrive in about eight weeks.
- *Keystone:* RiverCom staff met with DNR to evaluate the site and the proposed building project.
Upper Badger: RiverCom is working with the Douglas County PUD to improve the site. RiverCom has purchased a generator for the new building.
- Director Tirapelle advised that the technicians are very busy managing

several projects. Four 911 telephone positions will be replaced by the State 911 Program in 2009 in accordance with their maintenance and replacement schedule. The Motorola radio consoles were purchased in 1996 and will need to be replaced by RiverCom in the next two years. This will be a \$600,000 expenditure that is currently unfunded.

- Director Tirapelle CCFD#9 that RiverCom will install and maintain any radio site equipment they wish to purchase, but such purchases of capital improvements are no longer part of the RiverCom budget. The State funds previously placed in the capital improvement account will be encumbered or exhausted by the end of 2008. A method of how to bill for capital improvements will need to be formulated. The User Group has been asked by the Board to develop a with a plan. This will require a new policy or a change to the User's contracts. Shawn Ballard suggested we check to see what other agencies are doing.
- There was a lengthy discussion concerning a ballot measure for a 1/10th of 1 percent sales tax. This discussion will continue with the Administrative Board.
Action item: Director Tirapelle will contact Mayor Johnson and Commissioner Goehner concerning funding for Mental Health and the feasibility of putting the question on the ballot.

Committee Reports:

- Jim Brown advised that the upgrade to Mobil 4.3 will take place in October.
- Director Tirapelle advised that RiverCom will be moving from the Chelan County connection to ACCESS to a direct connection to ACCESS.

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- Phil Moser advised that the GIS group is working on condensing the current programs into one format.
- A new base map has been established that will be checked by RiverCom Supervisor Misty Viebrock. The response plans will be downloaded to the FTP site.
- Director Tirapelle suggested that maps and response plans be brought to Fire Chiefs meetings for review, possibly one agency per meeting.
- Mike Dingle, Douglas County EM expressed his appreciation to RiverCom for all the work performed during the Douglas County Fires. He specifically thanked Supervisor Lynn Palmer for the timely production of maps.
- Mike Dingle further advised that the NIMS compliance date is September 30th. He also stated that during the storm last week, the EAS television announcement was not audible. He has advised National Weather in Spokane as well as NOAA.
- Mike Dingle asked how the State EAS Web Demo went. Jerry Corder advised it was not effective. It was too difficult to hear with people talking in the background.
- Tom Martin, CCFD#8 asked if the time out on initial incident could be continued. Director Tirapelle will bring this up for consensus with the other fire agencies.
- Director Tirapelle advised that Operations Manager Jackie Jones has been working on a fire response boundary meeting with MACC and Okanogan County. RiverCom wants to be sure that we have correct boundaries for all involved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am

Next Meeting: September 9 , 2008 at 11:00 a.m.