

## RIVERCOM OPERATIONS GROUP MEETING

RiverCom Conference Room,  
140 S. Mission St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Wenatchee, Washington  
Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Present: Rusty Stamps, CCFD#7; Karl Jonasson, CCPHD#2 EMS via phone; Phil Mosher, CCFD#1; Tom Martin, CCFD#8; Rod Fountain, CCFD#9; Jim Brown, WPD; Mike Dingle, DCSO-EM; Wayne Walker, Lifeline Ambulance; Doug Jones, WPD; Jeff Middleton, CCSO; Jerry Corder, IT Manager, Millie Tirapelle, Director, and Susan Nova, RiverCom.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Karl Jonasson was unable to attend, but participated via phone conference. Introductions were made of meeting attendees.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes for the April 7, 2009 meeting were reviewed with a correction made by Mike Dingle to the last paragraph. Mike Dingle motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Tom Martin and approved unanimously by the members.

### Directors Report:

*Site Updates* – The power supply at Round Mountain has been repaired. An invitation to bid has been placed for a portable shelter at Upper Badger. The power line at Keystone will be shut-off on June 1st. RiverCom will work with the DNR to establish a new power source. RiverCom will be contracting with DAY Wireless to run cable and put-up an antenna at Blag. On July 9<sup>th</sup> Jerry Corder will be going to Seaside, Oregon to look at the latest Motorola 5500 radio consoles.

*Staffing Update* – The Administrative Services Manager position has not been filled as yet; candidates are still being interviewed.

*911 Funding* - The 911 Bill that would have raised the current local telephone surcharge from \$.50 to \$.70 has failed. At the end of the legislative session Rep. Cary Condatta attached an amendment to the bill that would have turned-over funding oversight to the Washington State Patrol.

*1/10 of 1% Ballot Measure* – Douglas County and Chelan County Commissioners have adopted resolutions to place the measure on the August 18, 2009 ballot. The prosecuting attorneys from Chelan and Douglas counties will mutually develop the final ballot language. Director Tirapelle and Operations Manager Jackie Jones plan to talk with 1-2 groups a week over the next couple of months. Karl Jonasson said that Chelan County Public Hospital District #2 will also have a measure on the ballot.

Director Tirapelle and Chief Arnold Baker have completed the application for the Homeland Security Fire Assistance Grant to purchase microwave equipment. Jim Brown said that the City of Wenatchee will also be submitting a grant request for microwave to replace the unlicensed Carmichael to RiverCom radio.

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IT Manager's Report

Spillman is on-site today to load software and transfer information systems for the CAD hardware upgrade. Their IT technician is trying to do as much as possible prior to turning-off the system. The system will be down May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., and hopefully be back up by 5:00 p.m.

Jerry Corder said there has been a serious problem when the CAD computer goes down. The radio digital ID's are no longer displayed. Director Tirapelle said that this is part of the capital upgrade that must be completed even if the 1/10 of 1% ballot measure doesn't pass.

*Stehekin* – Karl Jonasson participated in a conference call with NPS and USFS technicians about improving tactical radio communications within Stehekin and creating a connection with the Chelan Valley repeater. The fire district will contribute a narrow band frequency licensed to serve Stehekin. Director Tirapelle, Jerry Corder and John Fleckenstein met the Stehekin group last Wednesday. The Park Service has agreed to supply used radio equipment and NPS will maintain it.

Director Tirapelle said that RiverCom is trying to move out of Chelan Butte. The pole is leaning and hardware is inside an old milk truck that is starting to slide down the side of the mountain. KOZI recently doubled the site lease fees. RiverCom would like to move our equipment to the PUD building and the antenna to the top of the Day Wireless tower. A combiner will be needed at a cost of \$20,000.

An amateur radio group has contacted Director Tirapelle with a request to locate radio equipment on Grouse Mountain. Director Tirapelle said that due to the liability and Homeland Security guidelines this is not feasible.

Committee Reports:

*Spillman Admin Meeting (SAM)* – no members present had attended.

*Fire/EMS TAC* – no meeting this month.

Good of the Order:

Kerry Jones of the National Weather Service presented their StormReady award to Mike Dingle for Douglas County. The program prepares communities for severe weather impacts. This is a two year designation and it may reduce insurance rates for Douglas County.

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Douglas and Chelan counties will participate in an earthquake drill next Thursday, May 21st.

The Apple Blossom festival went smoothly with fewer problems and arrests than in past years.

RiverCom will have a 911 booth at the Memorial Day celebration in Chelan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**