

## RIVERCOM OPERATIONS GROUP MEETING

RiverCom Conference Room,  
140 S. Mission St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Wenatchee, Washington  
Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Present: Phil Mosher, CCFD#1; Stan Smoke, Wenatchee Fire; Jerry Corder, Kay McKellar, John Fleckenstein, Jackie Jones and Millie Tirapelle, RiverCom; Wayne Walker, Lifeline Ambulance Jim Brown, Wenatchee PD; Shawn Ballard, Ballard Ambulance; Tom Martin, CCFD#8; Mike Dingle, DCSO Emergency Management; Karl Jonasson, Chelan EMS; and Kent Sisson, CCSO.

Karl Jonasson called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of the Minutes: Jim Brown offered a correction to the August minutes. Jim was going to look into the issue of how and when to error-out a call-for-service; not develop a policy. At this time however, this is not an issue. Jim Brown moved to accept the August minutes as corrected. Tom Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed un

### Directors Report:

Director Tirapelle advised that the 12<sup>th</sup> district legislators will be at the Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Administrative Board meeting. The discussion will concern sustained State 911 funding for the contract counties and the proposed centralization of NG911 equipment.

Director Tirapelle advised that one candidate is currently going through the pre-employment process for Emergency Services Dispatcher. Candidates for the Confidential Administrative Assistant position are still being considered.

Several telephone calls were received from the public regarding the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent ballot measure. The main question was whether or not this is a property tax. Once callers understood this is a sales tax, all said they would vote in favor.

Director Tirapelle discussed the salary adjustment for 2010. The CPI for June 2009 calculated in accordance with the Guild contract is -.9%.

**ACTION:** The RiverCom Operations Group will recommend the Board calculate the 2010 COLA at 0%, rather than reducing salaries.

Jackie Jones discussed the use of Language Line for translation. Historically the State 911 office has paid for all calls needing the Language Line. She gave a run down of the number of calls translated for one month advising that in the future the State will only pay for translations associated with calls that come in on the 911 lines.

### Spillman Committee Report-

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Jim Brown advised there was no SAM meeting held. Jackie Jones advised that the Spillman Northwest Users Group (SNUG) conference will be held in Salt Lake, Sept.21- 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Fire –EMS- Tactical Group-

Next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August at 2 Pm at RiverCom. \*\*\* Meeting was cancelled.

Law User Group- Jackie advised the ID's have been updated for portables to show who is talking. The SOPs are being updated and will be taken to the law users for input and change.

Mapping/ GIS – Jackie advised the project is 99% complete. Lynn Palmer needs another day to get GEO loaded. She will be on vacation until the 27<sup>th</sup> of August.

### Additional Information:

Jackie advised that the RiverCom Wellness Committee will be hosting the Annual Red Cross Blood Draw on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The time frame is from 12 Noon to 4 pm.

Jackie reported on a recent incident in the Cascade Tunnel on July 16<sup>th</sup>. RiverCom followed the agreed upon procedures. Some of the railroad personnel were not aware of the procedures. This resulted in some safety and operational issues which the railroad will be addressing.

During the glider crash in Douglas County on June 29<sup>th</sup> there was confusion on the part of Grant County 911 as to which resources should be dispatched. Jackie is looking into the matter.

The MyState USA paging system was used during the Union Valley Fire. User agencies can be set up on the paging system with the stipulation that they manage their own information data files.

Rivercom will be hosting training by Kevin Gilmarten on Emotional Survival. If you are interested in attending contact Jackie.

Jerry Corder discussed narrow banding. The FCC has set an implementation goal of 2013. This is a big project and the election will determine the direction of the project.

Jerry also gave the site update:

*Blag* – The new tower is up at Blag. Jerry and John are working on security measures. A clam shell will be added to lock the tower ladder.

*Keystone* - New roof is being added.

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*Upper Badger- Antenna* work will be done in September and the DCPUD facility installation is still scheduled for November.

Mike Dingle advised DCSO is looking for a covered location to park the new Communications trailer.

Millie Tirapelle reported that Wendy Perry will be at RiverCom at the end of the month to train Criselia Grupp the new ASM.

The WA State Auditor will conduct an exit interview for the 2007- 2008 financial audit toward the end of the month. So far we have not been advised of any findings.

Wayne Walker with Lifeline advised they are no longer doing body removals or courtesy legal blood draws. They will respond to normal calls.

Shawn Ballard advised they are still doing body removals and blood draws as a courtesy to law enforcement. Law enforcement will contact them direct so as not to be charged with a rotation incident.

Kent Sisson, CCSO asked for patience concerning response times as the Chelan County Sheriff's Office is short staffed due to budget cuts, He advised if you feel safe doing so, do not hesitate to cancel a deputy responding to a scene,

Karl Jonasson reported for Arnold Baker that there is currently no movement on the grant. There was discussion around over-hauling the existing frequency groups.

Karl also advised that Rusty Stamps sends his thanks to RiverCom for the work performed on the Union Valley Fire.

John Fleckenstein advised that we had a recent radio outage at Grouse. Solar panels and connectors were damaged by bullet holes and lightening, respectively. Both will be replaced through our insurance policy.

Director Tirapelle advised that Icicle Irrigation has been asked to remove their equipment on the old Blag tower and in the Blag facility within the next 180 days. The tower will be dismantled and RiverCom will be moving additional equipment into the already crowded facility.

She also reported radio site lease rates have increased significantly; this will be reflected in the FY2010 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 1210 pm. Next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009 11:00 am.

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