

RIVERCOM OPERATIONS GROUP MEETING

RiverCom Conference Room,
140 S. Mission St. 3rd Floor
Wenatchee, Washington
Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Present: Phil Mosher, CCFD#1; Stan Smoke, Wenatchee Fire & Rescue; Kay McKellar, Jackie Jones, and Millie Tirapelle, RiverCom; Dick Gormley CCFD#1; Tom Martin, CCFD#8; Karl Jonasson, Chelan Hospital District; Johnny Rebel, Wayne Walker, Lifeline Ambulance and Mike Dingle, DCSO EM.

Karl Jonasson called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

Phil Mosher moved and Tom Martin seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented

Directors Report:

Director Tirapelle reported that IT Manager Jerry Corder is in Illinois at the MC5500 Motorola Class for training on the new consoles. The installation is set for January 13th. She further advised that she spoke with Gordon Day, the owner of DAY Wireless, and he will be sending two experts to assist with the install. She advised that some modifications will need to be made to the head jacks.

Site update:

Upper Badger- Director Tirapelle met with DAY Wireless and the Douglas County PUD at the site to inspect the portable buildings. RiverCom has their own entrance, heat and electrical at the facility. DAY Wireless will start staging in the next week for the install. The UPS should be turned on by Friday. Phil Mosher raised a question concerning the use of Chinese Drywall in the building. Director Tirapelle will check into that issue.

Chelan Butte: A bid for a new combiner will be presented to the board tomorrow. It takes approximately six weeks to build. She advised everything will be in place to make the change on the Butte. Karl advised he is concerned about the stability of the pole and the signal.

Director Tirapelle advised that the grant that CCFD#5 Chief Arnold Baker has been working on may be awarded. A parts list was requested and the answer may be available as soon as Friday.

Director Tirapelle discussed the imaging system for the Regional Jail. The project is moving forward. NO contracts have been signed to date. Discussion is taking place as to who will house the imaging. If it is put on the CAD server RiverCom would lose funding from the State E911 Office. She recommended that a separate server be purchased to house the images. RiverCom could extend the fiber for connectivity. The technicians will need a written plan.

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Staff Update:

Director Tirapelle advised that interviews were held for the Communication Technician position and a candidate is going through the process. Two candidates are going through his background process for Emergency Services Dispatcher. And one candidate as well for the Confidential Administrative Assistant.

Operations Manger Report:

Jackie Jones advised that Phil Mosher and she spoke with ALCOA and they will only talk on tactical channels. RiverCom will call into the guard shack. This information will be listed in the SI File for ALCOA.

Jackie advised that at 1300 hours today the dispatchers will observe a minute of radio silence in memory of the Lakewood Officers and Seattle Officer that died in the line of duty.

Jackie reported on "Steer It and Clear It". This will be used on the George Sellar Bridge when an accident occurs. The dispatcher will advise the driver to pull the vehicle to a safe place if possible and clear the bridge. Wayne Walker suggested that some predetermined safe places should be designated. Jackie further advised that the dispatcher will be directed to ask if there has been an air bag deployment.

The Motorola MC5500 project will take place in January. Training has been set for January 13, 14 and 15th. Jerry and Jackie will have administrative training on the 15th.

Jackie advised that if there is a delayed page out that the Fire EM folks need to contact her so that she can resolve any questions or concerns.

Wayne Walker was concerned when an ambulance is requested non emergent why they are asked three minutes later for an ETA. Suggestion was made that the Ambulance gives their ETA when responding.

ROUNDTABLE:

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Director Tirapelle advised that the Spillman Administrators wanted Jerry Corder to call the State 911 office reference the imaging issues. Recommendation was not to Get them involved.

Phil Mosher advised he would be attending his last board meeting tomorrow. Karl will move into his position on the RiverCom Administrative Board as the Operations \Group Representative. He advised it is the Law Users turn to chair the Operations Group meetings. He recommended Mike Dingle from DCSO EM be the chair for 2010.

Karl advised there will be an operation change in January OF 2010 for Chelan EMS. There will be a back up medic unit from CCFD#5. Housing and personnel will be shared and a collaboration of services will take place. The unit will be designates as 3152. He further advised that they will be running the levy again on April 27th. A kick off meeting was held last night.

Karl also expressed his concerns about the Pole on Butte and hopes it can be adjusted before it falls.

Kay McKellar advised to call if you need assistance with a Public Education event. She advised that the Chelan Douglas Fire Association donated the proceeds from the Monday meeting to the Lakewood Police Department families of the slain officers.

Phil Mosher reported that Clark County Fire District lost a member from a vehicle accident when bringing a truck back from Montana.

Next meeting will be on January 13, 2010 at 1100. Meeting Adjourned at 11:45