

## **RIVERCOM 911 OPERATIONS GROUP**

RiverCom Conference Room  
140 S. Mission Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

### **Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

#### In Attendance:

Mike Dingle, *DC EM Specialist, Douglas County Sheriff's Office*  
Phil Mosher, *Chief, Chelan County Fire District #6*  
Tom Martin, *Representative, Chelan County Fire District #8*  
Karl Jonasson, *EMS Director, LCC Hospital District #2*  
Stan Smoke, *Chief, Wenatchee Fire & Rescue*  
Doug Miller, *Assistant Fire Chief, Douglas County Fire District #2*  
Kelly O'Brien, *Chief, Chelan County Fire District #3*  
Rusty Stamps, *Assistant Chief, Chelan County Fire District #7*  
Russell Hamilton, *Captain, Chelan County Fire District #1*  
Millie Tirapelle, *Director, RiverCom 911*  
Jerry Corder, *IT Manager, RiverCom 911*  
Staci Engler, *Confidential Administrative Assistant, RiverCom 911*

#### Call to Order:

Chairman Mike Dingle called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM. Attendees introduced themselves.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Kelly O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Doug Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In lieu of reporting on regular meeting items, the meeting was turned over to the guest speaker.

#### Motorola-Narrow-Banding Presentation

Chairman Dingle introduced Joe Piksa, Sales Representative, and Brad Steiner, Lead Engineer, from Motorola.

Brad Steiner gave a presentation explaining some of the differences and pros and cons between simulcast, multicast, and narrow-banding transmission systems. A question and answer period followed.

The Group agreed that we need to move forward by obtaining the following informational items:

- What is the current coverage area?
- What impact will the conversion to narrow-band have on our current system coverage?
- What needs to be added to the system or changed in the system in order to cover critical areas, to maintain a predetermined rate of coverage, and to further develop project specifications?

Joe Piksa provided three reference documents for review (attached).

Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant

The planning that will need to be done for the fire assistance grant will dovetail into the planning for the entire radio system upgrade. One RFP can be issued to encompass the entire project.

Good of the Order:

There was no further comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

*Prior to the RiverCom Users Group Meeting a general planning meeting was held. The attendee list included Gene Ellis and Mike Bryant CCSO OEM, as well as those attendees listed above.*

*Everyone present gave an accounting of their ability to convert their equipment to narrow-band by January 2013.*

*It was noted that narrow-band radios will be the only new radios available for purchased after January 2011.*

*Minator 3 and 4 pagers will still work after narrow-banding, but the receive levels will be greatly reduced. Minator 5 pagers are full narrow-band capable.*

*\*\*Everyone holding radio frequency licenses **must** relicense their frequencies for narrow-banding. The goal of the ROG is to be ready to go to narrow-band by June of 2012. Frequencies can be relicensed early (prior to January 2013) so plan to get that task done fairly soon.*

*There was discussion about the best site for a radio transmitter for Lake Wenatchee. The consensus was USFS Sugerloaf. Director Tirapelle will make contact with the Forest Service.*