

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY 911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes: January 17th, 2019

Commission Chambers Governmental Center

PRESENT:

Brad Jewett
Chris Clark
Erich Bohrer
Chief Pat Parker
Chief Andy Down
Gregg Bird
Jason Torrey
Ryan Tabaczka
Tim Newton

AGENCY:

G.T County Board of Commissioners
G.T. County Sheriff's Department
Traverse City Police Department
G.T. Metro Fire Department
Grand Traverse Township Fire Services
G.T. County Emergency Management
GT 911/Central Dispatch
Michigan State Police
North Flight EMS

ABSENT:

Chief Jim Tuller

Traverse City Fire Department

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Leah Hornacek
Bill Parker
Joseph Miller
David Cutway
Steve Apostel
Fred Gilstorff
Nick Lemcool

GT 911/Central Dispatch
Blair/Paradise Township Emergency Services
Central Dispatch
Green Lake Emergency Services
G.T. Metro Fire Department
Peninsula Twp. Fire Department
East Bay EMS

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM. A quorum was present.

Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

2019 Election of Officers

Chair – Bird nominated by Torrey, supported by Down. Motion passed.

Vice Chair – Tuller nominated by P. Parker, supported by Torrey. Motion passed.

Secretary – O’Brien nominated by Torrey, supported by Newton. Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Down to approve the agenda as submitted, supported by Jewett. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Newton to approve the minutes as submitted, supported by Torrey. Motion Passed.

Directors Report:

Director Jason Torrey provided the following report:

- Dispatch is continuing with the CAD Enterprise deployment. The CAD went live at 5am on Tuesday, January 15th. Staff is adjusting and is working on some issues and tweaking the system to make it work the way we want.
- With the deployment of CAD completed, Torrey will be putting WebCAD Monitor on line and should be deployed next week. Meek and B. Parker have been working on the CrewForce application. Torrey is still working on getting AVL working and making a few minor changes. This should all be on line and operational by the end of the month.
- Bird congratulated Torrey and Hornacek on the successful CAD migration.
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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technical Subcommittee

No report.

Law Enforcement Subcommittee

No report.

Fire and EMS Subcommittee

- Chief P. Parker advised the board that Blair Fire, Metro Fire, Green Lake Fire, Long Lake Fire, and Peninsula Fire have all been given their ballistic vests. There are a total of 22 that were given out between the departments. The Rescue Taskforce concept can now happen. Northflight EMS will be outfitting their units with gear as well. East Bay EMS also has 3 vests. Whitewater Fire and Fife Lake Fire were not given vests at this time. Discussion on gear used and expirations.
- Further discussion on how the Rescue Taskforce will be alerted, possibly through Code Red. This step still needs to be worked out and decided upon.
- Discussion on training for the taskforce. General consensus is every 4-6 weeks.

- Fife Lake Fire has purchased 6 vests of their own, they are not the same specs as those handed out in the other departments. Clark advised that Fife Lake Fire went through the training.
- Torrey advised the board that the communication procedure will need to be specific reference the radio transmissions.
- Countywide fire policies are being developed to make policies more uniform. Gilstorff is heading this up. Discussion

Old Business

None

New Business:

- Medical ID Bracelets – P. Parker gave a background on this topic. A young male was involved in an accident. He appeared lucid to personnel and refused medical assistance. His father came to the personnel and advised that his son did not have the faculties to sign himself off due to other medical issues. A foundation was created to produce the bracelets that would include vital information for medical personnel such as name, contact information, medical needs, etc. This would give first responders needed information for assessments. If anyone knows of anyone in need of a bracelet, there was a form included with the Board Meeting packet.

Round Table:

- Bird – There was a project last month brought forth by Roscommon County to purchase 40 radios for the ERT. Quotes were received, this quote was for a radio model that was no longer in production. Encryption would only provide communications between these radios. Bird interceded suggesting APEX radios. It appear the project is still moving forward with the outdated radios. Grand Traverse voted against this purchase. Discussion.
- P. Parker gave backstory on radio purchases for the benefit of Jewett and Hentschel. The radio purchase went out to the County for a vote during the last term of Commissioners and the vote will be up for renewal during their term in office. A needs assessment will be a priority in 2019 for renewal of the surcharge. This will be brought to the board when our status is determined. Discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM