

## **Public Safety Collaborative**

MINUTES  
April 20, 2006  
9:00 a.m.

**Conducting:**

Ryan Nicholls

**Location:**

Springfield/Greene County Emergency Operations Center

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Minutes from January 19, 2006 approved.
3. Summary of the meeting

PSC described as an information sharing forum. It was designed to encourage collaboration among all Public Safety organizations.

**I. Old Business**

A. Law Enforcement Initiative 2007

Sheriff Merritt shared that the 2007 Tax initiative is inevitable. Nothing is set at this time regarding amounts or strategy in approaching initiative. Currently running 580 in jail at this time. Working to keep it under 500 but is very difficult to do. Current staffing is for a little over 400 individuals. Residential areas continue to grow demanding additional patrol staff.

Commissioner Coonrod stated that the crime lab is progressing well with the County assisting Springfield in the financing of it. Payments for the first five years will be for interest only on the crime lab.

Letter has been sent on the need for Springfield, Greene County, and Republic 911 Policy Making boards to come together to address strategy in addressing emergency communications' needs, most likely in the form of a sales tax. Question proposed if such a 911 tax would stand alone on a ballot or be in conjunction with the Law Enforcement tax or other questions.

Brief discussion followed regarding current cell phone tax is for the private industry, with none of those revenues benefiting the 911 center. There is a need to educate local residents who the tax is for and the need to support the local 911 center. It is understood that more and more residents

are getting rid of their landline phones and switching completely to cell phone usage.

#### B. Communications

Webster County 800 TRS Desktop Unit will be installed when their new 911 center is completed. It has just recently broken ground for the new building.

#### C. WMD Grants

Ryan Nicholls briefly reviewed over WMD Grants for local Homeland Security Response Teams, which are moving along well. We are still waiting to order a few supplies. Four 800 MHz radios will be purchased to support command centers with EMS, Springfield Fire, and Logan-Rogersville Fire.

#### D. Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) System

Both Police and Fire should be on the system. Due to band width constraints, it has been difficult to use. That has been rectified. The Mobile Data Terminals are now talking with the AVL server. Currently working through a few data translation issues.

## **II. New Business**

#### A. NIMS Training for Area Municipalities

City of Springfield City Council and Greene County Commissioners recently completed IS-700 NIMS Overview course sponsored by OEM. A matrix outline showing NIMS training requirements was offered and distributed to those requesting it. Anyone with a direct involvement with response needs to have NIMS training.

A NIMS Fact Sheet was presented showing that elected officials just need IS-700. IS-100 should be considered for community leaders having a more direct response, i.e. Mr. Coonrod and Mr. Bob Cumley.

All the NIMS training courses, except for IS-300 and IS-400, can be done on-line. A class for elected officials in area municipalities will be proposed as an option to support them in their NIMS compliance efforts.

The challenge was mentioned of getting IS-300 and IS-400 courses for new promotions of first responders. Sherriff Merritt offered that OEM coordinate with David Hastings at the Sherriff's department. He is organizing these courses in June.

Question was asked if all 911 floor supervisors need to take IS-200. Ryan said he will research that question and get back to Becky shortly with an answer.

#### B. Level I EOC Storm Watch Activation

Ryan explained that “Situation Reports” are created at the OEM. These reports are coordinated with the information given at hourly reports sometimes put out by the National Weather Service. These reports have recently been put out on the weather radios for anyone interested in hearing.

The “Situation Reports” are a brief summary of the current reports coming from the NWS. It was offered that anyone that would like to see these reports to please let the OEM know and they will be put on the email list.

Roger Brogue offered the suggestion of putting the hourly NWS reports out on the B15 channel of the 800 MHz radios. It could be telephoned into the TRS. Fire and police expressed an interest in the information.

Roger recognized the valuable information found on the Weather net channel with OEM, 911, NWS, and weather spotters all coordinating storm-related information. Ryan and Roger to follow-up on providing the NWS information on the Weather Net.

### **III. Other New Business**

#### A. Regionalization

Ryan briefly explained how Homeland Security Funds are being regionalized through a 13-member committee. This committee has representatives from a variety of organizations. This affects all departments involved in disaster response.

#### B. Emergency Operations Center

OEM is currently meeting with all potential EOC members to gather their ideas and thoughts on how to make the EOC more functional. The purpose of the EOC is to gather all the data and information available regarding the disaster situation, provide the information to key decision-makers in the EOC, and get response actions and decisions back into the field.

Commissioner Coonrod outlined the County’s goal to utilize the old airport terminal as a Public Safety control area for an Emergency Operations Center, advanced 911 center, hospital dispatch, etc. Such an

initiative would put all the emergency operations under one roof, with access to an airfield, etc.

### C. 800 MHz Rebanding Process

A brief review was given by Don regarding the 800 MHz rebanding process. It has already begun in more critical areas. We can anticipate the rebanding process to possibly take place in our area in about one year. At the point, every radio will need to be reprogrammed. Nextel is paying personnel time for reprogramming. This personnel time only applies to the person reprogramming the radios, not responders having to wait or spend additional time supporting the process.

Don will be requesting a point of contact from each agency. He and Roger will work with this person to review over the channels currently programmed in the radios. If anyone would like to change the channels programmed, this will be a great opportunity to do so.

## **IV. Next Meeting** July 20, 2006

### Attendees:

Lynn Hollandworth: Republic EM  
Don Kocian: City Utilities  
Margaret Dawson: City Utilities  
Roger Brogue: City Utilities  
Jack Merritt: Sherriff  
Don Clark: Springfield Police Department  
Bill Deal: City Utilities  
Steve Meyer: Springfield Public Works  
JR Webb: 911  
Bob Patterson: St. John's EMS  
Becky Jungmann: 911  
Roseann Bentley: Greene County Commissioner  
Dave Coonrod: Greene County Commissioner  
Shelia Wright: City of Springfield  
Randy Gibson: Greene County Sherriff's Department  
David Hall: Springfield Fire  
Ryan Nicholls: Springfield-Greene County OEM