

Public Safety Collaborative

MINUTES

July 20, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Conducting:

Ryan Nicholls

Location:

Springfield/Greene County Emergency Operations Center

1. Called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Approval of minutes from April 20, 2006.
3. Introductions

I. Old Business

A. Tax Initiatives 2007

Discussion led by David Coonrod. The 911 Advisory Board recommends, in conjunction with the Greene County Commissioners, placing a 911 Tax Initiative on the ballot in April 2007. A third party group will be doing a citizen survey to determine if it would be advisable to include Law Enforcement Tax Initiative with the 911 Tax Ballot.

Currently, Greene County Law Enforcement Department is being supplemented financially, causing severe financial insults to the County. This, in conjunction with the Trunk Radio System, Jail Operations, and the 2/3 portion to the city of Springfield has caused serious constraints.

B. Crime Lab

Crime Lab is moving along. State of Missouri has signed off on budget, Federal funding is lined up, all 15-member bank consortium signed up, and the Commission has agreed to paying on interest for 5 years. A start date has yet to be determined.

C. Communications

TRS continues to operate at 100%. First wave of rebanding is still in process. The second wave, which includes Greene County, will probably begin at the first of the year.

A letter will be sent out later to each entity with radios, requesting a Point of Contact, to assist in coordinating the rebanding and reprogramming of

all radios. This was identified as a golden opportunity to review needed changes in the channel programming for improved interoperability. The entities will need to verify where all the radios are located. Meetings will be set up for members of each agency to bring radios in for reprogramming.

Number of radios in operation are 2,850. There are few other TRS in operation in the area. A brief overview was given by Don K. of the advantages of rebanding. Primarily, safety concerns are increasing of public safety officers being able to communicate in all situations in any location.

It was identified that the Governor has established by executive order a State Interoperability Communications Committee. JR Webb is the primary member of this committee for southwest Missouri with Don Kocian as secondary. This 10 member committee will review options of creating a statewide system.

It was identified by 911 of the current delay in keeping an accurate identity of each radio. Each radio is identified on the 911 console by an alias each time the radio is used. For communications with garbled audio or use of the emergency button, the radio identifier is important. CU currently maintains a database of all radios and their identified users. Any changes made with the radios, i.e. transfer in vehicle or between personnel, must be communicated to Roger at CU.

A Fire Mutual Aid Transmitter is proposed to be installed behind the 911 Center, financed by WMD funding. This will allow easy interoperability of users on the 800 system with neighbor agencies utilizing VHF.

A discussion was given regarding interoperability outside of Greene County. The cross-band repeaters are ideal in extended situations, due to setup time. The Fire Mutual Aid Transmitter will allow connectivity in just a few seconds for neighboring areas. The cross-band repeaters are ideal for response situations in other parts of the region. EMS is looking at purchasing two (2) more cross-band repeaters.

D. WMD Grants

HSRT grants are being finalized. We have received word to expect 1/3 cut in 2006 funds. If that is true, it is expected to receive \$100,000 per HSRT.

E. EOC Enhancement Plan

Overview of Enhancement Plan given and purpose of having an operational EOC. Estimated price tag for technological improvements at the EOC is \$97,000. It was suggested that the Public Safety Collaborative initiate a call to action through a resolution for a policy commitment in regards to the relocation of the Springfield-Greene County EOC along with expansion of the 911 Center. Discussion followed regarding this action. Decided for each member to further investigate and decide all implications of a Public Safety Center, discuss the idea with department administrators, and further discuss in October with the goal of formulating a group standpoint.

F. Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) System

System is partially working right now. A Motorola representative is coming in the next few weeks to assist working out remaining issues. The system is currently not working for dispatching consoles.

G. NOAA Weather Alerts on Weather Net

It was proposed at the last meeting to broadcast the NWS weather discussions on the 800 Mhz Weather Net. Roger B. has followed up with a few individuals that have confirmed that this is possible. Brief history and current Standard Operations Procedures of the NWS was given by Steve R. The live briefings are given on High Impact, Moderate Certainty events, on the top of every hour until the event begins.

CU confirmed that 5 to 10 minute briefings would not be an issue. Discussion given on if the Weather net would be used for both pre-event live briefings and Watches/Warning issued by NWS. Final decision was to utilize the Weather Net just for the live briefings. Once the weather incident begins, the Net would be dedicated solely for County Storm Spotters Dispatch.

The Weather Net is currently used primarily by rural fire departments. Springfield Fire and Springfield Police currently receive their storm reports through 911 Communication Center and do not utilize the Weather Net. Situation Reports are being very helpful.

H. NIMS

Several NIMS classes now being offered through the Office of Emergency Management. Question raised regarding CU's involvement in NIMS and their requirement for certification. Ryan will meet with Jack Hadsell next week regarding this issue.

II. New Business

- A. Homeland Security Oversight Committee

III. Other New Business

- A. Bolivar Bomb Exercise announced.
- B. HazCollect announced to begin on September 11, 2006

IV. Next Meeting

October 17, 2006

Attendance:

Steve Meyer	City Public Works
Bob Patterson	St. Johns EMS
Donna Gordon	City of Willard Emergency Management
Steve Runnels	National Weather Service
Bill Deal	City Utilities
Don Kocian	City Utilities
Roger Brogue	City Utilities
Don Clark	Springfield Police
Steve Hamilton	Springfield Police
Becky Jungmann	911 Communication Center
JR Webb	911 Communication Center
David Hall	Springfield Fire
Lynn Hollandworth	Republic Emergency Management
Roseann Bentley	Greene County Commissioner