

# GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY TECH. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2017

## Commission Chambers Governmental Center

### PRESENT:

Carol Crawford  
Capt. Keith Gillis  
Chief Jim Tuller  
Chief Pat Parker  
Chief Theo Weber  
Daryl Case  
Gregg Bird  
Jason Torrey  
Leah Hornacek  
Andrew Down  
Chief Jim Carroll

### AGENCY:

G.T. County Board of Commissioners  
T.C. Police Department  
T.C. Fire Department  
G.T. Metro Fire Department  
G.T. Rural Fire Department  
Emergency Medical Service  
G.T. Emergency Management  
G.T. Central Dispatch  
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Long Lake Fire Department  
Blair Fire Department

### Call to order

Gregg Bird called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

### Approval of Agenda

Gregg Bird introduced the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes

Gregg Bird introduced the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Chief Tuller to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Supported by Torrey. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

Jason Torrey gave the following updates:

- Motorola Presentation – Presentation was last Thursday, a number of people participated. Torrey made request that any changes made be countywide, or discipline specific. Torrey emailed the presentation slides to all members for review. Tuller advised that the presentation answered a number of questions about the portables.

### Discussion

The fire chiefs will meet and come back to the board with suggestions for changes to the radios.

Motorola also introduced a noise cancelling headset that dispatch will use during Cherry Fest.

- Tele-Rad Maintenance Agreement – As previously agreed in the last meeting, Torrey has met with Lundquist from Finance to discuss the agreement. Lundquist supported the bill back to departments.
- Active 911 – Torrey has received a confirmation from departments with accurate device counts for pricing. Chief Carroll advises that he still has to get his device count confirmed. Torrey advised that we should have countywide subscription in place within the next three weeks. Torrey advised the committee that Supervisor Ellis has taken a position with Seattle Police Department and his last day of employment is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Miller will be taking over and managing the processes.
- Case inquired on possibility of getting more call information from Active 911. Torrey addressed the inquiry by advising that the information is part of the CAD narrative and at this time cannot be parsed in a way to be compliant with CJIS. Torrey further added that with Central Dispatch's pending upgrade of the CAD to CAD Enterprise this may be worked out. CAD Enterprise has a Fire App that possibly would be able to pass some of the wanted information on to the responding departments. With CAD Enterprise there is also a possibility of Image Trend. This CAD upgrade would not replace Active 911. An informative webinar link was sent to the chiefs for viewing. Further discussion on call narratives.

## **New Business**

Chief Parker addressed the following:

- VHF requirements for EMS apparatus – G.T. Metro Fire Department had an inspection for EMS last week, they were found to be non-compliant because they did not have a VHF radio in each of their EMS units. MEDCOM plan states that a VHF radio is required in each EMS unit for communication with agencies that do not currently have an 800

MHz system. A patch to VHF is not acceptable. A VHF portable will suffice for compliancy.

### **Round Table**

- Bird advised of an Active Threat Integrated Response course that is being offered with availability for 24 police and 15 ems/fire. This is an active shooter response course that works on getting fire/ems personnel trained along with law enforcement. Bird discussed this course with Lt. Barsheff and thought it would be a benefit to our county. Bird advised that Otsego County currently has this in place and Leelanau County has been pushing for it as well.

Bird will go through the process for getting our county to host this class with possibility of getting a second class offered a few months later for further personnel training. Bird will keep the committee advised on that status of the course.

- Case advised that in the near future every life support vehicle in Region 7 will have a bleeding control kit in it. Capt. Gillis advised that currently all TCPD officers carry a med kit.
- Parker advised he spoke with the Coast Guard and they will have 800 MHz capabilities at each station, at this time they do not have 800MHz radios in all of the boats. Per Bird, they have requested a handful of 800MHz portables to utilize during Cherry Fest.
- Parker also advised that Metro Fire has invested in a COM-L class which Steve Meek is attending. This is a class on disasters. He also stated that they are hoping to host a COM-X class in Traverse City later this year.
- Discussion with Case and Torrey reference Leelanau dispatching North Flight EMS direct. At this time they are dispatched by Flight Com. Case and Torrey will discuss this further.

- Torrey advised that the CAD network slowdown issue has been resolved, it was a county problem that was due to the antivirus software that was being used. CAD Enterprise upgrade is being planned for the near future.

Next Wednesday Torrey will be representing MCDA and G.T. County at a meeting in Wexford County on how to proceed with their 911 service. Torrey is still working on formulating a proposal to contract 911 services for Wexford County.

Torrey advised that CCE is nearing signing an agreement that they would have a mirrored system to ours so they could be our back up if the need arises. This agreement would enable us to dispatch from their center with all of our tools we have at our disposal here. He will be submitting this to the County Board for approval.

Text to 911- T-Mobile has now been converted and is functional. We are now ready to launch Text to 911 in our county. A soft launch was initiated a month ago culminating

with a success this morning for a domestic call. This call is a prime example of the benefit of Text to 911. Central Dispatch still has to get personnel trained and a few issues worked out before Text to 911 becomes public.

Next meeting will be July 13, 2017

**Meeting adjourned at 11:10 hrs**

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