



# DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

10 COURT STREET, DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

MAIN: 740-833-2160 FAX: 740-833-2159

## Delaware County 911 Board

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Delaware County Commissioners Meeting Room

In attendance: Chairman Troy Morris, Chief Bruce Pijanowski, Chief Jeff Wilson, Manager Tom Homan, Manager Steve Lutz, Sheriff Russ Martin, Chief Gary Vest, Trustee Charles Miley, Chief Mike Schuiling, Director Brian Galligher, Administrator Tim Hansley, Systems Manager Patrick Brandt, Captain Scott Vance

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Troy Morris – requested Sheriff Martin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public comment
  - a. No public comment
- III. Approval of minutes from 12/3/2013 meeting
  - a. Chief Pijanowski motioned
  - b. Chief Vest seconded
    - i. Motion passes
- IV. Director's Report
  - a. Fourth Tour Commander promoted- Jennifer Keck
  - b. Third Lead Telecommunicator promoted- Jason Hutchisson
  - c. 5 new hires are began employment January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
    - i. Criticall software has assisted in selecting eligible employees
      1. Keeping records of successful/unsuccessful hires and scores from Criticall
    - ii. Brief Description of new hires
      1. Christian- young man, quick typist
      2. Patrick- former Iraqi veteran and supervisor of a correctional facility
      3. Catharine- has law degree; attempting to pass the bar currently
      4. Michelle Belville- volunteer firefighter at Radnor
      5. Jessica Brust- transplant from Indiana with prior dispatching experience
    - iii. Anticipating a decreased turnover rate



## DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

10 COURT STREET, DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

MAIN: 740-833-2160 FAX: 740-833-2159

- d. Bobbi Henney transferred to Public Defender's Office, with the capability of dispatching when needed
- e. Telecommunicators ride-along times being scheduled
- V. Technical Committee
  - a. Chair Morris inquired to Manager Brandt how often Technical Committee needs to meet
    - i. Manager Brandt advised as needed
- VI. Standards and Protocol Committee
  - a. Chair Morris requested assignment of the Standards and Protocol committee to research Priority Dispatch and other options
    - i. Chief Morris requested Chief Pijanowski consider involvement due to familiarity
    - ii. Director Galligher advised Managers Brandt and Craig will be involved with the research
- VII. Administrative Committee
  - a. No cause to meet
  - b. Will meet as needed
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Chief Vest inquire about MARCS grant
    - i. Chief Pijanowski advised still gathering information
    - ii. Trustee Miley advised Hilliard schools have received and installed radios
    - iii. Manager Brandt advised Buckeye Valley is the only known Delaware County school vying to participate
- IX. New Business
  - a. Chair Morris inquired if board still needs to meet monthly or could move to every other month
    - i. Sheriff Martin and Manager Homan deferred to the bylaws, advising an amount of meetings are required
    - ii. Believed group consensus was for 6 meetings annually, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary
    - iii. Manager Homan suggested to convene the administrative committee to research bylaws to determine number of meetings required, and present at next meeting
    - iv. Request email with bylaws be sent to the Administrative Committee
      - 1. Gather information from group about number of meetings
    - v. Trustee Miley requested a monthly update
  - b. Manager Homan advised not as many issues as right after consolidation
  - c. Next meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014; can revisit number of meetings required
- X. Chief Vest inquired about the application available to law enforcement responders to be notified of emergency situations at schools via text
  - a. Big Walnut is beta site



## DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

10 COURT STREET, DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

MAIN: 740-833-2160 FAX: 740-833-2159

- b. Chief Vest advised problems could arise from lack of notification to 911 for additional emergency responders
  - i. Inquired if it is a defined project, and, if so, date of implementation and activation?
    - 1. Sheriff Martin advised no target date
  - ii. Captain Vance advise DCCJA had a presentation; there is an unfunded mandate on Delaware County to monitor users
    - 1. Advised Prosecutor O'Brien was concerned about liability for those responding
    - 2. Cancelling of responding volunteers could fall back on Delaware County Sheriff's Office or Delcomm
  - iii. Chief Vest advised that the private company would allow for responders to sign up to receive information via text and respond if desired
    - 1. Done locally, the intent is school person or teacher could communicate need for assistance via text, bypassing 911 center
  - iv. Captain Vance advised there were more questions raised by presentation
  - v. Chief Vest stated that possible strategies to consider would be a Delcomm employee receiving such texts or an officer responding dials 911
  - vi. Chief Wilson advised similar to Pulse Point out of Columbus, which advises first responders of emergency situations, inclusive of natures and location, with the anticipation first responders can assist if nearby
    - 1. Challenges could result in an uncoordinated response and lack of notification to 911 and emergency responders
    - 2. Director Galligher advised possibility of friendly fire
  - vii. Chief Pijanowski advised legislation is in process for non-law enforcement personnel to carry firearms in schools and pending legislation for off-duty officers
    - 1. Concerns of a liability chain if someone were shot
    - 2. Had an opportunity to review a lesson plan for certification for teachers to carry firearms in schools
      - a. Advised is a 4 week training course
      - b. Attempting to teach teachers to be law-enforcement officers in a short time; not practical
- XI. Chair Morris inquire about MARCS radio grant and if Chief Pijanowski can gather information
  - a. Manager Brandt advised Buckeye Valley is the only school to apply
    - i. Delcomm hasn't been contacted referencing Buckeye Valley registering with MARCS or implementing radio



## DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

10 COURT STREET, DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

MAIN: 740-833-2160 FAX: 740-833-2159

- b. Chair Morris advised due to Buckeye Valley being in Tri Township Fire Department jurisdiction, will meet with representative to discuss MARCS grant application
- XII. Sheriff Martin advised Columbus Department of Utilities requested access to a back channel for disasters in Delaware County
  - a. Captain Vance advised the crew wants to be able to communicate with Sheriff Office via channel; have access to MARCS
  - b. Do not feel the need for CDU to have access to main dispatch; advised discussion at Sheriff Office staff meeting determined an event channel would be appropriate
    - i. Sheriff Martin inquire if Manager Brandt will follow up with Columbus Department of Utilities?
      - 1. Manager Brandt advise will follow up with contacts
- XIII. Sheriff Martin requested representatives from Sheriff's Office to assist Administrative Committee to research Priority Dispatch and other options
  - a. Would be valuable if Stephanie or Karen could sit in on discussion
  - b. Director Galligher agreed
- XIV. Manager Brandt advised will call meeting soon with all public safety about the radio upgrade
  - a. Microwave upgrade is complete
  - b. Radio system upgrade is in process and will take longer
    - i. 6 towers will be taken down in one day, and radio transmissions will be transmitted by remaining 6 towers
    - ii. Upgrade will reverse the towers out of service versus being used.
    - iii. Chief Morris inquired about coverage
      - 1. Manager Brandt advised looking at plotting to find areas of overlap
      - 2. Director Galligher advised will be using plot circles to determine areas of coverage
- XV. Chief Morris motion to adjourn
  - a. Trustee Miley motioned
  - b. Manager Homan seconded
    - i. Meeting adjourned