

Monroe County Interoperable Radio Committee

Minutes July 12, 2017

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Neal Rohlfing at 19:03

No Introductions to be made.

Motion to approve the minutes for May was made by Lynden and 2nd by Paul. Motion passed

Old Business:

ISSI Status: Grant has been submitted to STARRS for ISSI needed license and software. It is moving however slowly, Neal states that it is promising. There will be a software Flash of \$120 per radio to use it.

800 Repeater: Directional Antenna and Line needed for install. We have received the frequencies and Paul has sent them into Motorola. Paul would like \$2500 for site prep, Antenna and Coax. The Sheriff stated that he has that in his budget.

Radio reprogramming: Columbia FD and PD are waiting for update from St. Clair County on St. Clair County Radios. All SOA frequencies in Monroe County Radios are complete.

Columbia Siren installation: They are finalizing easements this week and expect installation completion by mid-August.

Renewal of MOU's with St. Clair County: Ryan will be in a meeting with them on Friday and will give it to them for approval.

Clean up of Sheriff 911 Room: Paul Added a Rack and moved 911 recorder off of the floor into the relay rack and removed old UPS. Project is Complete.

UPS battery for Columbia radio bay needs to be replaced: Paul has not ordered them yet, he will get this done soon. Cost should be about \$300 which should be picked up by 911 board.

Microwave Site Maintenance Fees: Paul has not looked them up yet but he will have them by next meeting.

New Business:

Retirements and STARRS Committees Replacements:

Bill is planning on retiring at the end of September he has offered to help with the radio programming when needed and with the dispatch radios when called by the Sheriffs Dept.

Paul will be retiring at the end of November, he has offered to help out with the Microwave System and attend STARRS meetings until the ISSI is complete.

Ryan stated that he is going to see if the Commissioners will leave the current funds in his budget to pay both of them for their time when they are called to help.

We have several openings on the STARRS Committees that need to be filled. Scott Soma recommended his father, he stated that he will ask him, his father is a retired dispatcher in Missouri so he would know what is going on, the committee approved this.

Encryption of Sheriff Dispatch Consoles: Paul made a motion to add encryption to the dispatch consoles so they do not have to use the radios that are mounted in there. Cost is about \$600. Motion seconded by Lynden and Motion passed.

Using Encryption for daily Dispatching of Law Enforcement calls:

The Sheriff is thinking about encrypting the dispatch talkgroup for the reason of people hearing their radio traffic during high profile cases. Ryan mentioned that he understands the reason but there is a lot more to look at, this will take out assistance from ISP or Conservation when they hear a call go out over Sheriff 1, Ems, Fire and EMA will not be able to talk to Law Enforcement because their radios are not capable of Encryption at this point. They could have encryption added at a cost of \$80 per radio, some department might have a problem coming up with that. There would be approximately 150 radios that would need to be encrypted. Jerry stated that this might not work for Columbia PD because they will not be able to talk with St. Clair County Departments or Missouri Departments when they are assisting. Paul stated if we are going to encrypt the radios it needs to be done soon because Motorola is not going to be doing software flashes for the XTL or XTS radios after the end of the year. Ryan mentioned that since we are putting encryption on the dispatch consoles that it might be easier for dispatch to monitor the Monroe Secure talkgroup. Paul also mentioned that we would have to move the dispatch talkgroup to Sheriff 2 because of the MOU's that are already in place. The conversation ended with no decisions being made at this time.

AT&T First Net presentation is July 25 at 2pm in Frontenac if anyone would like to go let Ryan know.

Communications Plan- Ryan stated that at the last exercise it was brought up that some responders would like a standard Communications Plan for large events. Ryan has created

one and presented it to the committee. He stated that he could make a separate Zone in the XTS 2500, all XTL and APX radios and put these talkgroups into the zone to make it easier for the responders. He will also present it at the next Chiefs meeting.

Questions:

No public questions for the committee.

Next meeting is Sept 13, 2017 at 7:00PM

Motion to adjourn made by Paul and 2nd by Jerry. Meeting adjourned at 20:35

Attendance:

Ryan Weber

Vicki Koerber

Scott Soma

Dan Hannon

Paul Tipton

Lynden Prange

Jeff Prosis

Jerald Paul

Neal Rohlfing