



MEETING MINUTES for

Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE May 3, 2023 – Regular Meeting

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chief Scott Merlo at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room at Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, 7040 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ITEM 2 –ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scott Merlo (WMUPD), Scott Ernstes (MSP), Matt Huber (KDPS), Bryan Ergang (KTPD), Craig Dieringer (KCMCA), Jeff Christensen (KCSO), Nick Arnold (PDPS), Gerry Leudeking (KCFCFA)

Others Present: Jeff Heppler, David Boysen, Chip Everett, Steve Stryd, Jeff Troyer, Torie Rose, Jon Moored, Marty Ftacek, Justin Johnson, and Chris McComb

ITEM 3 – CITIZENS' TIME

There was none.

ITEM 4 – FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Administrative Monthly Report

Mr. Troyer stated the report was sent out after the packet.

Mr. Troyer stated WMU BTR2 should be in service by May 12 and the project closed out by the end of the month.

Mr. Moored stated the VXRail server room environment upgrade has begun. The new is up and running, migration starts next Monday. There is no expected down time.

B. Old Business

1. MPSCS Kalamazoo Subsystem Project (Update)

Mr. Troyer covered this under the Administrative Report.

2. Cost Analysis for KCCDA to host Law Enforcement Hexagon RMS/JMS (Update)

Mr. Troyer stated that KCCDA IT presented the group with a cost analysis at the March meeting and promised to share with the Committee legal counsel's opinion as to whether or not the cost of the same would be a permissible use of 911 millage monies. Troyer shared the counsel's opinion with the Committee.

C. New Business

1. Conditional Bonds

Discussion occurred on the entering of conditional bonds. Judge D'Angelo requested to be added to the agenda which was agreed upon but did not attend the meeting. The Committee still had a lengthy discussion.

Mr. Ernstes stated that on April 25, Van Buren County Dispatch advised Kalamazoo County Courts were sending Kalamazoo conditional bonds to them. Van Buren Dispatch will not entering them and they are being sent back to the courts.

Mr. Troyer stated it has only been in the last twelve months that the courts have sent us anything other than protected parties.

Mr. Ernstes stated that we need a special meeting to discuss what is best for the citizens of the county, who is best to enter them and who is doing it now. Ernstes encouraged KCCDA Board of Commissioner representatives, victim advocate's group, the courts and TAC all be involved in the meeting.

Mr. Troyer stated that before anything can be considered by anyone, we need to know what the volume is. He noted that the Board is aware of this situation and that this committee is handling it. He stated he would work with Chair Merlo and Vice-Chair Ernstes to schedule a special meeting.

2. Radio ID's

Mr. Troyer stated IT is working on sorting agencies so a list will be sent out soon. We are asking all agencies to please take an inventory and confirm the information.

3. Radio Call Signs and Comm Plans

Mr. Troyer stated that we would like you to request all agencies' cooperation and make your staff use their full four-digit call signs. When a large incident occurs and everyone is on primary talkgroup, we have multiple agencies using the same three-digit call sign and it causes a lot of confusion. In addition, if a field unit needs to process a LEIN request, all agencies use a common talkgroup 39LEIN. The shortened call signs are a problem because there are duplicates and our staff member working LEIN doesn't know who is calling. He noted there will soon be a subgroup developed to create a large incident communications plan.

4. MDOC Absconder Unit Investigator – Request for LE Talk Group Access

Mr. Troyer stated there has been a request from the MDOC Absconder Unit for access to three primary law enforcement talk groups.

“Motion by Mr. Ernstes, second by Mr. Huber to allow access to the MDOC Absconder Unit access to three primary law enforcement talk groups as presented.”

On a voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 6 – OTHER ITEMS

D. Announcements and Member Comments

There were none.

E. Next Meeting

The next regular scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 10:00 am, and will be held in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room at KCCDA, 7040 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

ITEM 7 - ADJOURNMENT

F. Adjournment

The business meeting ended at 11:00 a.m. There was no quorum present, and no business conducted after 11:00 a.m.

G. Carbyne Demo

Lori Harpring from Carbyne performed a demonstration of their Universe product.

The presentation concluded at 12:05 p.m.