



MEETING MINUTES

Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE May 5, 2026 – Regular Meeting

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Lt. Scott Ernstes at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2026, in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room at Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, 7040 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ITEM 2 –ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scott Ernstes (MSP), Scott Merlo (WMUPD), Matt Huber (KDPS), Darien Smith (KTPD), Bryan Mayhew (PDPS), Mike Bentley (KCMCA), Chip Everett (KCFCA)

Others Present: Ryan McGregor, Logan Bishop, Steve Stryd, Jeff Heppler, Jairus Baird, Scott Smith, Sean Gordon, Jeff Troyer, Torie Rose, Jon Moored, Marty Ftacek, Justin Johnson and Chris McComb

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. March 4– Regular Meeting

“Motion by Mr. Huber, second by Mr. Merlo to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2026, Regular Meeting as presented.”

On a voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 4 - CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Heppler commended dispatch on the fine work during the recent emergencies.

ITEM 4 – FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Administrative Monthly Report

Mr. Troyer stated the report would be completed soon. He stated the report will include statistics from the April 27 windstorm. He noted he received a few complaints regarding no answer or a delayed answer. He explained that between 4 and 5 pm, the center received 474 911 calls, and between 5 and 6 578 911 calls were received. He noted the Vesta Telephone System did not perform as it was designed. He stated that he is evaluating that and overflow options in peak times, noting that currently all calls stay in the center and go to a queue.

B. Old Business

1. Radio Readiness Program Guidelines

Mr. Troyer stated there were documents included in the packet that show the executed MOU amounts and distributed funds. He stated he has met with approximately 70% of agencies and the total executed MOU's are currently at \$1.45 million.

C. New Business

1. Fort Custer Recreation Area Rangers Talkgroup Access

Mr. Troyer stated the request letter and MSP correspondence confirming CJIS access confirmation were included in the packet.

Mr. Bishop confirmed that in the past the Rangers have had access through the Sheriff's Office.

"Motion by Mr. Ernestes, second by Mr. Bishop to approve access to the Fort Custer Recreation Area Rangers for 39LAW2, 39P911, and all unencrypted talk groups."

On a voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

2. VA Fire Department Talkgroup and VHF Frequencies Access

Mr. Troyer stated the VA Fire Department has requested access to VHF frequencies and fire talkgroups.

Mr. Everett stated they are on agency run cards and run mutual aid.

"Motion by Mr. Merlo, second by Mr. Everett to approve access to Fire Department Talkgroup and VHF Frequency access for the VA Fire Department.

On a voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

3. U.S. Marshal's Service – Add AES Encrypted Talkgroups to LOA dated 09.11.24

Mr. Troyer stated the Committee approved a letter of authorization in 2024 and are now requesting access to the new AES talkgroups.

"Motion by Mr. Huber, second by Mr. Merlo to approve access to the AES encrypted talkgroups for the U.S. Marshal's Service."

On a voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Michigan State Police AES Encrypted Talkgroup Access

"Motion by Mr. Huber, second by Mr. Bishop to approve access to the AES encrypted talkgroups for the Michigan State Police."

On a voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 5 – OTHER ITEMS

D. Announcements and Member Comments

Mr. Ernstes announced changes at Kalamazoo Township. He stated Chief Jackson was retiring and Darien Smith was taking over. Mr. Smith announced Derek Thompson would be Deputy Chief.

E. Next Meeting

The next regular scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 10:00 am, and will be held in the Chief Switalski Meeting Room at KCCDA, 7040 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

ITEM 6 - **ADJOURNMENT**

F. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.