

RADIO SYSTEM ADVISORY WORKGROUP
Zoom Call
July 14th, 2020

Members in Attendance: Tim Barber, Robert Barbier, Theresa Becker, Steve Denzien, Dick Isely, Karl Koch, Brian Kohlmeier, Larry Ledvina, Jason Orth, Nathan Schleis, and Travis Waack. Other non-voting members were in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Travis Waack at 9:00 am.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Theresa Becker and Nathan Schleis to approve the February minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Review & Consideration of System Authorization Requests: Two authorization requests were considered. The first was from the Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to add approximately 125 radios to the system on encrypted talkgroups for MTSO, MTPD, and TRPD. Discussion on the request followed. A motion was made by Jason Orth and seconded by Brian Kohlmeier to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously. The second was from Two Rivers Fire Department to add encrypted talkgroups for MTSO, MTPD, and TRPD to their two ambulances for interoperability during law enforcement related EMS calls. Discussion on the request followed. A motion was made by Brian Kohlmeier and Theresa Becker to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Communications System SOP's and Interoperability: Travis Waack presented a system key request form and agreement that can be used by agencies wishing to use customer programming software (CPS). Discussion followed. Bill Jones proposed adding the following stipulations: proof of purchase on the CPS, the serial, model, and unit numbers of programmed radios must be provided to the County, and the key agreement shall be renewed annually. Those updates will be added to the form.

Update on Communications Unit: No updates

Set Next Meeting Date: A doodle poll will be sent to select a September meeting date.

Special Update: Bill Jones and Matt from Baycom gave an update on the recent interference on MCFS Main. The interference is likely coming from a construction company radio/telemetry system doing work in the area. The company has been contacted and has so far declined to respond. Baycom will further investigation if any action can be taken via FCC licensing. Theresa Becker reported that the interference has been causing issues with dispatch being able to hear Mishicot Ambulance. Bill Manis of MABAS also expressed concern regarding the interference. The County will continue exploring options.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Brian Kohlmeier and Theresa Becker to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis Waack
Director
Manitowoc County Emergency Services