

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 6, 2020
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

Those in attendance: Brian Rutledge, Jerimiah Cole, Ray Stone, Rudy Sacchet, Scott Mason, John Lane, Kip Dowling, Deanna Johnson, Gary Williams, Tim Weigle, Jr. Panzott

Meeting called to order by Committee Chairman Commissioner Tim Weigle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes distributed from previous meeting with no additions or corrections
Motion to except minutes by J. Cole 2nd by S. Mason all in favor

Brian reviewed the Wireline and Wireless 911 Fund balances to date. (See attached agenda)

State is in the review phase of the RFP for the State NG911 project. They are hoping to have a decision to move forward with a vendor in the next month. Once the project is awarded then the decision on funding will take place and how to pay for it. The 911 Coordinators group is also meeting this week with APCO/NENA to come up with an idea on what they think a wireless surcharge should be on universal devices. Once again, the idea of the 911 coordinators group was for the 911 Coordinators to have a voice at the state level and a group force behind it. If the coordinators group doesn't get anywhere with the ESINet committee then they have already started reaching out to State Legislatures.

All the grant paperwork was submitted for the 911 Federal Grant. The county chose to go together with 5 other counties for a multi-county application to split the cost of implementing Text-911 in each of the counties in the submission. Again, the total cost is \$160,000 divided between the 6 counties and with the 40/60 match it'll end up costing the county \$10,666.67 after reimbursement. In reaching out to the state last week they hope to have all the applications processed and information released on what projects are accepted for the grant by the end of February.

SOP group will be meeting sometime in the next month regarding reviewing the EMD Guidecards. There are also some updates coming to the EMD program with some minor card changes and information. Peggy and Brian are currently taking the online updated course and as the Restricted Medical Instructor Rudy will be starting his soon. Brian has also received information from State of Ohio EMS and Medical Director Dr. Fredrickson regarding some prearrival questions that dispatchers should ask regarding the Novel Coronavirus to protect first responders responding to a call.

There will be another dispatcher class starting in the March so if anyone has anyone needing it please get in touch with our office. Brian will be sending out a list of any upcoming certifications that are about to expire so that the dispatchers can get required CE's done and recertify. The state once again will have 2 hours of CE's that must be completed by the dispatchers. These will be in the form of a webinar this year and Columbiana County was chosen as one of the counties to participate in recording of them. Once they are released Brian will be sending out the notice to all the PSAP's.

The (WGF) Wireless Government Assistance Fund audit will be due in March. This is the state's audit of how the county is spending the wireless funds provided by the state.

2019 Statistics for 911 calls came in just slightly under 2018- with 22627 calls in 2019 and 22718 calls in 2018. This is just 911 calls that registered in the system and don't account for any administration calls received.

Brian brought up that they have been working on solution to assist dispatchers communicating with each other in the event of a AT&T phone outage. The 911 system has a redundant backup so that calls are answered by the Sheriff's Office if phones go down. In mid-December there was an AT&T outage that took down our AT&T link and 911 calls rolled over to a secondary carrier. Calls got answered but it was tough to relay that call information to each of the PSAP's. We are looking into the idea of purchasing a MARCS portable radio for each of the PSAP's with a cost of around \$7942.00. This number may change slightly depending on the quotes and what all is needed. Rudy mentioned that at one time this was an option that was considered but never followed materialized. With the MARCS radio there will be a month subscription fee of \$10/radio. This will permit dispatchers to communicate directly with each other wirelessly without any issues.

Motion made by Rudy to move forward with it- Second by J. Cole All in favor

Brian mentioned also that there will be an ICS 300 & 400 class in May if anyone has a need to send anyone registration will be on the State EMA website.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2020 @ 1pm at the EMA office.

Motion to adjourn by J Cole, 2nd by S. Mason, all in favor