

Columbiana County 911 Program Review Committee
Emergency Services Advisory Group
November 7, 2024

PRC members present- Wayne Chamberlain, Tim Weigle, Brian McLaughlin, Jim Sabatini, Cyndi Dickey,

Brian Rutledge, Mary Ann Greir, Ben Dennison, Joe Cappuzzelo, Rudy Sacchet, Jeremiah Cole, Dave Casto, Brett Todd, Jenn Swords, Peggy Clark, Adriane Middleton (guest), Ava Nond (guest)

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

Financial reviewed by Commissioner Weigle
the financial numbers are as of October 31st of this year.

CO1 (wireline) Income \$43,417.52 expenditures \$126,101.75 Adjusted balance \$691,040.21
CO2 (wireless) Income \$257,460.84 expenditures \$155,178.82 Adjusted balance\$ 1,424,956.78
Motion to accept Brian McLaughlin 2nd Jim Sabatini all in favor

Meeting minutes from August 1st available on desk if needed, approved by Committee

The search to replace the 911 Recorders is narrowed down to three vendors. Brian met with Commissioner Weigle and Peggy yesterday to discuss the three options. There is more discussion needed to make sure that we are purchasing the correct number of recorder cards and that we aren't paying for recorded lines that are longer in service. This process needs to move along with the current recorders starting to have issues. New recorders will also have new built in QA program along with screen capture and text-911 recording.

The transition to the new NG911 Solacom system will take place on January 22, 2025. There will be dispatcher training the week prior with dispatchers coming at the EMA building for actual hands-on training. A save the date was sent out to the PSAP's so dispatchers can plan one of those three days to attend training. Those dates are January 15-17 with some admin training on the 14th.

The equipment that the state has agreed to purchase has arrived and totals close to \$324,000. The equipment is mostly switches, routers, monitors and PC's. There will need to be an additional purchase of some monitors and headsets by the county. The question was asked if headsets will be integrated with the phones. The plan is to have them integrated with the 911 phones and the radio. It'll depend on the phone system and location as to if admin phones will be integrated with them.

Brian stated that the state continues to discuss what the options are for a formula on how to distribute wireless funds. The one that continues to get a lot of discussion is going by call volume with a minimum call volume of 25000. In a discussion with the state, there is not a clear path on how that's going to work with everyone having different call systems and how a call is registered as a call. What one system calls a complete call can be different than another. The idea of basing it on population won't work with areas such as vacation or college towns that call volumes fluctuate all the time.

A new dispatcher training class is coming up at the end of November for PST and EMD into December. There appears to be a class of about 10 that needs training.

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There is ALERTS training set up for dispatchers and law enforcement on December 11th 9-1 here at the EMA building. The request was put out and advised it would be supported if scheduled. Brian stated he needs people registered so he doesn't have to cancel the class. Registration is on the Ohio Public Safety Training Campus

Commissioner Weigle advised that this is his last meeting with the 911 Committee. Sometime shortly after the first of the year the Commissioners will decide who will replace him on the committee to represent their office. He hopes to be around for some time to assist with anything that he can help with. The Commissioner believes that another trip to Columbus is going to most likely happen to attempt to get the funding corrected for 911. The state appears to realize they made a mistake and need additional funding to get their project off the ground as planned. The Commissioner will be happy to go along. The big thing to remember is the funding as it's set, sunsets in October of "25 back to 25 cents.

The Commissioner was thanked for his years of service and hard work in getting the 911 system to where it is today.

The PSAP's were called multiple times on election day as requested by the Governor's Office to make sure there's no issues happening.

Meeting adjourned Wayne Chamberlain 2nd Brian Mclaughlin

The next Program Review Committee meeting to be held February, 6th 2025.