



BUTLER REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM 800 MHz ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2023

LOCATION Butler County EOC

Meeting called to order by Chief J. Jones, Co-Chair at 1:36 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS						
	Sheriff's Office	Capt. M. Franke	P	Commissioners	Ms. J. Boyko	A
	Fire Chief's Assn.	A/Chf T. Eickelberger	P	Chiefs of Police Assn.	Chief J. Jones	P
	Engineer's	Mr. S. Bressler	A			
Communications Representatives	West Chester	Director D. Dick	A	Butler County	Lt. T. Langmeyer	A
	Hamilton	Capt. T. Chenoweth	P	Oxford	Chief J. Detherage	A
	Middletown	Major E. Crank	A	Fairfield	Manager J. Meyer	E
	Trenton	LT. D. Rosenfelder	A	Monroe	Mgr. M. McKinney	E

**ACTING BOARD
MEMBERS**

Motion to seat Miranda Shepherd as voting Board Member in place of Lt Langmeyer; 1st by Capt Franke, 2nd by A/Chf Eickelberger. **PASSED**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 23rd: 1st Chenoweth, 2nd Franke **PASSED**

BRICS SYSTEM UPDATES

- Captain M. Franke & Director K. Carpenter (Presented by Mgr Brian Stiens)
 - BS-Radio Statistics; similar to last year PTT numbers. KC-Still behind 2019 numbers, data usage dip
 - BS-Depot Radio Repair; six at depot w/ 3 to 5 weeks turnaround
 - BS-Financial; little over \$57,000 outstanding. Mostly annual maintenance
 - BS-Batteries; still on order from Motorola, expected ship is June. Warranty replacements expected to ship in September. BRICS has Impact batteries for immediate needs. KC-Been using Impact batteries for about a year, no issues. JJ, KC & PW discussion of Unknown Battery alert on radio when using Impact battery. MF & TE-discussion of Fire use of Impact battery and UL certification.
 - BS-2023 PM Schedule; about half way through, need to schedule Sheriff. School radios also in progress along with staff training. KC-may do a training class for SRO's and staff separately. MF, KC, PW, MS, & TC Discussion of use of E-button and training.
 - BS-XT users; Morgan Twp is using Apex now, switched on April 16. College Corner switching to Apex on May 31. Training is scheduled.
 - BS-System update; Replacing aging tower lights with LED. KC-Three sites per year on lights, 2-3 for HVAC and Tower Top Amp replacements. BRICS now has spare TTA's. KC-HamCo microwave project is on-going.

SECRETARY UPDATES

- Paul Weddle, Secretary
 - Nothing to Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **PSAP**, Dir. D. Dick
 - MS-PSAP committee has not met, nothing new to report.
- **LE**, Chief J. Jones
 - Nothing to report.
MF-ACB is still up in the air. JJ-still questions about it. MF, JJ, MS-Discussion of ACB info, agency understanding and use.
- **FIRE**, A/Chf T. Eickelberger
 - TE-Fire Chief Committee met, no information to pass along
- **PLAIN TALK**,
 - N/A
- **SUBSCRIBER FUNDING/ STRATEGIC PLANNING**, A/Chf T. Eickelberger
 - Nothing to report.
- **HOSPITAL/HEMS**, Ryan Burke
 - JJ-Via e-mail from Ryan Burke; Region 6 now has a Radio Subcommittee. Multiple agencies represented, information about hospital radios and emergency preparedness and gaps in representation. Region 6 meeting conflicts with Advisory Board meeting. May find someone else to serve as Hospital/HEMS representative.
JJ & MF- Discussion of DisasterNet and MARCS emergency radios in hospitals, function and staff training.

OLD BUSINESS

- JJ-Drones, nothing new to report.
- MF-Interoperability, nothing new to report
- JJ-Discussion of E-button function (Fire vs. Law). KC-Satisfactory as is. JJ & KC-no further action required.
- JJ-ACB for weather on school radios. Was a point of discussion last meeting, no further action required.

NEW BUSINESS

- KC-Command Central Aware Demo. Now using GPS in radios and it is working. TE, KC, MF, JJ-Discussion of Aware functions and capabilities. KC-Tracked missing HFD radio as part of demo.
- KC-Motorola Security Proposal. Better anti-virus and ransomware protection. Motorola phasing out current service and pushing to customers to new service. Evaluating service at this time, will update. May need to move to new service sooner instead of later. MF-Will look to Advisory Board for recommendation to take to commissioners for any additional costs to system.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- JJ-Any appetite on adjustment of meeting schedule? MF-Current schedule was to occur after Fire Chief's / Police Chief's meeting. Meeting schedules have since changed, not opposed to changes if needed. Discussion followed. JJ-Can wait to hear from Ryan Burke and others as well.
- The next meeting is July 27, 2023 at 1:30 PM in the EOC

Adjournment - Motion by Miranda Shepherd, Second by A/Chf Eickelberger. **PASSED** Adjourned at 227 PM.

Submitted,

Paul R. Weddle
Secretary