



BUTLER REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
800 MHz ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2024

LOCATION Butler County EOC

Meeting called to order by Chief John Jones @ 1:32 pm

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

**ACTING BOARD
MEMBERS**

Motion to seat Capt. Curliss (Monroe PD) for Mgr. McKinney 1st MF 2nd DR. **PASSED**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on: Oct 26, 2023 1st. DD 2nd. DR **PASSED**

BRICS SYSTEM UPDATES

- Capt. Franke / Dir. K. Carpenter (Presented by Mgr Brian Stiens)
 - BS—Stats for 2023 are similar to 2022, down by a little over 6000 PPT's. Nov & Dec stood out, a lot lower than 2022.
 - Up tic in radio repairs in Nov & Dec due to Motorola firmware. Will cover on separate slide.
 - Financial update: Last meeting over \$72,000 outstanding w/ TSD radios. TSD radios now paid in full, a little over \$2800 left outstanding.
 - Batteries: Review of in-stock numbers and updated pricing. Discusses warranty replacement with Motorola vs Impact batteries. JJ—Any performance issues reported w/ Impact? Discussion of battery and charger performance with KC, BS, JJ, DD & PW
 - System Updates: BS discusses PM process, impact of bad firmware from Motorola, affected agencies, BRICS response and Motorola remedy. BRICS will test future updates before pushing out to all users. MF—Are we delaying the Fire PM's? BS—Yes
JJ—Did other agencies not have the firmware? BS—Others had older versions.
Additional brief comments by members

SECRETARY UPDATES

- Paul Weddle
 - PW—Nothing to report.
MF—Any changes in membership? PW—No. MF--Commissioners office has new staff, will need to report any board membership changes to them. Brief discussion follows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **PSAP**, Dir. D. Dick
 - DD—PSAP committee met, have some topics to discuss under New Business
- **LE**, Chief Jones
 - JJ—Committee met, will discuss under Old Business

- **FIRE, Chief Eickelberger**
➤ JD—Nothing to report. Next meeting is Feb 14
- **PLAIN TALK,**
➤ N/A
- **SUBSCRIBER FUNDING/ STRATEGIC PLANNING, Chief Eickelberger**
➤ N/A
- **HOSPITAL/HEMS, Ron Hutchinson**
➤ RH—Nothing to report.
➤ MF—Any meetings scheduled? RH—Not currently. MF--Asks RH to inform 800 board of future meetings, some upcoming items for hospitals with other radios.

OLD BUSINESS

- JJ—Discussion of rebranding Ch 16 for Law & Fire at the last meeting. Had meetings with PSAP but no additional action has been taken at this time.
- MF—Some preliminary done on it. Have a number of proposals to look at and work through.
- JJ, DD propose involvement of group discussion with PSAP to explore further.
- A/Chf Brian Rebholz (WCPD)—Expresses a supporting view of the proposal and examples of when it could be beneficial. Emphasizes the need for training on any plan implemented. Encourages meeting w/ PSAP to make things happen.
- Discussion follows among members to have topic taken up by PSAP Committee as a core group with involvement from Police and Fire Committees, operational needs, usage scenarios, etc.
- JJ & members discuss setting a meeting date.
- **Representatives from Police Chief's Assn, Fire Chief's Assn, & PSAP Committee to meet February 13, 2024 @ 10 am in the EOC, to discuss using Ch 16 as a common Law & Fire talk group.**

NEW BUSINESS

- DD—PSAP Committee met, discussed ACB as part of regular business. PSAP Committee identified four primary issues with ACB. DD presents issues and recommendations from PSAP to members.
- Discussion follows among members, DD fields questions.
- **Issues and recommendations provided as an additional attachment below.**
- JJ—That can be a continuing discussion at the PSAP Committee as the Police & Fire Committees visit the issue.
- DD—Yes, and it would be beneficial to have Police & Fire involved in the discussions as they happen.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Next meeting will be April 25, 2024 at 1:30 pm in the EOC

Adjournment - Motion to close the meeting, 1st DR 2nd by DD. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm

Paul R. Weddle
Secretary

ALL COUNTY BROADCAST

Issue: Ensuring all PSAPs are actively using ACB

Recommendation(s):

- Make some clarification and potential changes to BRICS and individual department policy on ACB (see additional issues listed below)
- Training of PSAPs
- Training of Law Enforcement agencies and support of process and response
 - Each law enforcement agency must determine how their officers will respond to an ACB, not on PSAP to determine
 - Scanning of LE INFO by law enforcement needs addressed/solidified

Issue: Assistance vs. "Information Only"

Recommendation(s):

- In collaboration with law enforcement, ACB needs to be clearly defined if assistance would be beneficial/accepted vs. Getting information for safety or other reasons
- *Possible* suggestion for BRICS to investigate is keep the ACB but create an ACI (information) with different tone so officers could immediately recognize the announcement
 - More work for dispatch, more room for error, etc.
- Important to get information out while preventing excessive broadcasts

Issue: Updating information to units responding

Recommendation(s):

- Process of PSAP providing updated information to potentially responding officers needs defined and improved
- Suggestion to update BRICS and individual agency policy to assign and announce a common (typically LAW) talkgroup during the initial ACB
 - Patching of that talkgroup to LE MAIN or initiating PSAP simulselecting talkgroups are options. Unless standardized, PSAPs to decide best practice, law enforcement to be trained/aware of operations

Issue: Cancelling ACB

Recommendation(s):

- Training and reinforcing the need to cancel and ACB is needed with PSAPs, policy already provides for cancellation
 - Improved and defined process for updating information to responding units is directly tied to properly cancelling ACB