
Fayette County
911 Communications Board Meeting
October 10, 2019

1. Roll Call – The following representatives were in the meeting: 911 Director Katye Vogt, 911 Assistant Director Amber Smith, Chief Harold Myers, Major Van Brock, Major Brian Eubanks, Scott Hindman, Deputy Chief Linda Black, Chief Harold Myers, Chief Joe O’Conor, Chief Randy Mundy, Captain Mike Pollard, Chief David Scarbrough, Deputy Chief Robert Mask, Lieutenant Kay Crider and 911 Communications Coordinator Wendy Coulter.
2. Meeting called to order by Chief O’Conor at 10:01am.
3. Chief Myers moved to accept the meeting minutes from April 11, 2019. Chief Mundy seconded. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Old Business
 - A. Carbyne Update - Director Vogt
We have gotten the last five 911 trunks we will be using for testing. Tim with Carbyne will be here next week to start with Admin line testing. We have started having two conference calls a week and should have a timeline for implementation of the full ecosystem sometime next week. We have done many public events for public education and have many more planned.
 - B. Mobile 911 Communications Unit –Director Vogt
We have a preliminary layout planned. We have not started any of the physical work yet. We will not start the physical set up until after the first of the year.
 - C. Radio System –Director Vogt
We are being shipped a lot of radios. Director Vogt still has not heard word on the medic radios shipping timeline. If you have something that needs to be programmed now, you can bring it to Director Vogt, and she can program it. Any radios that are programmed on our current system will have to be reprogrammed when we go live with the new system. We are still working on the tower licensing and approval from the FCC. It will still be at least a year before the new system goes live.
 - D. Spillman – Director Vogt

We have completed all the patches except one. There is just a 10 second patch to correct the issue with call comments. During the 10 seconds they will update current calls then update everything else in the background while the system is still up and active.

5. New Business

- A. **AirCom App – Director Vogt**
We have been contacted by this company and they say they have been talking to Peachtree City about it. Per their information, it is almost like a replacement to Life Flight. Per Chief O’Conor let’s table it until he can find out further information.
- B. **Budget – Director Vogt**
Our budget this year, not counting salaries, is 1.5 million. As of now we have spent 39.88% of the budget. We have had some of the large bills paid already. Some areas of issues are heaters going out at the tower sites. Even with those we are still tracking on point for the fiscal year.
- C. **Potential Active Threat/Notification of Threats – Assistant Director Smith**
There have been recent active threat events within the county. The information was obtained by the 911 center from social media. It would be very beneficial if 911 was updated with this information from the specific agencies. That way when we get calls, we are not caught unaware.
- D. **Officers/Deputies Calling in About Incidents – Assistant Director Smith**
Our current policy is we will not divulge information outside of the department or the person in command of the call. Off duty officers/deputies who call for information will be told to ask the incident command or ask for the information via the radio. Do you want us to give the information or continue with our current procedure? Every jurisdiction is good with the 911 center continuing with the current procedure.
- E. **10-13 Transports – Assistant Director Smith**
If a jurisdiction has a patient that is going to Piedmont Fayette Hospital, then the jurisdiction handling the call must do the transport. If the patient is going to a hospital outside of Fayette County and the hospital is on the Sheriff’s Office’s approved list, the Sheriff’s Office will do the transport. If a jurisdiction is shorthanded, the Sheriff’s Office will assist if they are able.
- F. **Officer Observations – Assistant Director Smith**
Peachtree City has their new hire officers come in to observe for a day. We would like to open an invitation for every jurisdiction to have their new officers come in for an observation. If so, contact our Training Manager or Assistant Training Manager to schedule.

7. Staff Report - Director Vogt/Assistant Director Smith

We have seven people in training. This leaves us with three fulltime openings and two part time certified openings. We will be opening the part time position again soon. The plan is to have the three full time positions filled after the first of the year. Two of the seven in training should be released by the end of the year.

8. Board Member Comments -

Chief O’Conor complimented Derek in all his efforts. He has been great in assisting

with setting up of Bryx to get the initial information out to more people in the organization.

9. Public Comments –

There is an advocacy group in Fayette County called ExceptionalOPS. The organization has found that there are over 4,000 families in Fayette County that have someone with some type of disability which makes communication with them different than with others. The group is encouraging the families to have more interaction with public safety. They are looking to have some way to notify responders, like a sticker, that there is someone on scene that has a different way of communicating.

10.The next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 10:00 am at this same location.

11.Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 10:39am.