

TTRUMBULL CENTRAL EMERGENCY DISPATCH COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 23, 2009

Called to order: 5:35 pm

Present – Committee Chair Kevin Mulligan, Vice-Chair Brian Casey, Jim Blanchfield, Dave Bogen, Barbara Crandall
Glenn Byrnes, Mike DelVecchio, Alex Rauso

Absent: Robert Zitney

Also in attendance, Vi Watson, John Butz, Ron Butz, Paul Ruskay

Minutes from previous meeting of January 2009 read and approved

I. Unfinished Business:

- A. Multijurisdictional Dispatch Center (Easton, Monroe, Trumbull study). Peter Oliver waiting for response from state as to the scope of the study. Will be followed up with meeting with three town's first selectmen. Per Glenn Byrnes, no start date contemplated, or time lines. Monroe does have first disbursement of funds.
- B. TRDC report to Committee
 1. TRDC Training Records: TRDC did provide to Chairperson Mulligan, will be distributing to EMS for review by end of the week.
 2. TRDC 5 Year Plan: TRDC Commission did not meet in January, plan not ready.
 3. Easton Alpha Paging: working fine, Kevin Mulligan asked for breakdown of fees charged to Easton. TRDC member Paul Ruskay added every little bit of income helps.
 4. Other TRDC items: John Butz invited to meet with Town of Wilton's Communication's Committee to discuss TRDC operations, services provided. Not a solicitation of services, but rather an informational meeting.

II. New Business

- A. Shelton Alpha Paging after a mutual aid meeting John Butz attended by invitation, TRDC agreed to give Shelton fire a preliminary "test drive" of it Alpha paging service, similar to Easton's. – Questioned why not brought to CEDC for approval, John Butz stated it was only preliminary.
 1. **Motion made to allow Shelton fire to test TRDC's Alpha paging dispatching service through April 1, 2009. Seconded.** Discussion: Brian Casey asked if that was enough time. Questions of priority raised. John Butz explained, Alpha paging is a supplement to pagers, radios. Easton alpha paging discussed. TRDC members in attendance agreed any formal agreement to provide such services will be brought to the CEDC for approval. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. PSAP : Kevin Mulligan asked is there is a distance restriction when fire/police dispatchers simulateously pick up 911 calls. John Butz to look into. John Butz added that in 6 months to a year, 911 systems all changing, AT&T has state contract, and may effect any answer he has.

C. EMS 5 year Communication Plan: Mike Delvecchio presented EMS 5 year communication plan (attached). Proposed that town's emergency agencies have better interoperability with radio communications. Mike Delvecchio wanted CEDC to be the point for town wide communications improvements. Brian Casey suggested getting appropriate individuals together to discuss interoperability practicality. Alex Rauso questioned who those individuals would be.

EMS going in front of Board of Finance on March 19, 2009 to discuss funding issues. Glenn Byrnes informed by EMS he was requested to be present at that meeting. Dave Bogen stated EMS needs radio upgrades now, and should not be forced to wait for possible regional dispatch center for such. Glenn Byrnes explained PD communication upgrades were planned to be rolled into new dispatch center.

C. Other items: Glenn Byrnes asked to request through Monroe to have Peter Oliver come to next CEDC meeting. Vi Watson questioned John Butz about different EMS dispatch times for PD and EMS. John Butz explained EMD protocols and

Motion to adjourn: Kevin Mulligan, 2nd Mike DeVecchio. Meeting adjoured

Next meeting: March 16, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Blanchfield,
Secretary CEDC