

**Metropolitan Emergency Services Board  
Radio Technical Operations Committee  
Meeting Notes  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Members Present:** Ron Jansen, Chad LeVasseur, John Gundersen, Wendy Lynch, Nate Timm, Scott Haas, Rod Olson, Chuck Steier, John Eckel, Tim Walsh

**Guests Present:**

Victoria Vadnais, Allina Health EMS; Rebecca Reckamp, Motorola; Peter Sauter, Carver County; Dana Rude, Metro Transit; Brian Pitzen, Todd Strom, Internal Revenue Service.

**Call to Order:**

Scott Haas called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes**

*M/S/C Motion made by Gundersen to approve minutes from October 25, 2017. Jansen seconded. Motion carried.*

**Agenda Items:**

**Eden Prairie Fire Department Request to add mobile radio at the Eden Prairie Center**

Tretter presented on behalf Mark VandenBerghe that they are requesting to install a mobile radio in the Eden Prairie Center mall with two receive only city talkgroups. This is for situational awareness for mall security of any incidents happening near the mall.

*M/S/C Motion made by Jansen to approve Eden Prairies request. Gundersen seconded. Motion carried.*

**Doris Lake COML renewal**

Tretter presented that under the new communications unit (COMU) standard and standard operating guide (SOG), COMU renewals need to be approval regionally and sent to the COMU sub-committee. Doris is renewing her COML and has provided the necessary requirements for training.

*M/S/C Motion made by Jansen to approve Doris Lake's COML renewal. Eckel seconded. Motion carried.*

**IRS Criminal Investigation Division ARMER Plan**

Todd Strom from the IRS presented on current IRS Criminal Investigation operations that involve a need for interoperability with Law Enforcement in the metro area. They have approximately 30 metro based personnel with dual-band radios, VHF will be their primary internal communications. The IRS will be submitting a formal request for an interoperability ARMER plan with the Operation and Technical Committee.

The IRS is requesting access to the regional interoperability talkgroups ME TAC1-12E.

*M/S/C Motion made by Timm to approve IRS access to ME TAC1-12E, contingent upon plan approval by the SECB. Gundersen seconded. Motion carried.*

**Move, Additions & Changes to the System-** None

**Committee Reports**

**Metro Mobility System Usage Update**

LeVasseur said they are moving forward with independent links for the dispatch centers, once the independent links are up, they will turn on the repeater disabled function on their radios.

### **System Manager's Group/Metro Owner's Group Update**

Jansen reported the MOG met this morning and meetings will be moved to the Dakota County Communications Center because of security changes at the previous location. Meetings will still be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the even numbered months, opposite of the SMG. The MOG voted on an ARMER system freeze from January 16<sup>th</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup> for zone 1 and 2 because of the Super Bowl.

### **Reports from SECB Committees**

#### **Steering -**

Tretter said there was not meeting, but there was a meeting with Rey Freeman and the region regarding the Federal ARMER study.

#### **OTC**

Timm reported they met on December 12<sup>th</sup>, there was approval for St. Louis county interoperability with Douglas County, Wisconsin and Superior Fire.

There was approval for a plan amendment for Pierce County, Wisconsin to add additional ARMER ID's.

Lake County also had a plan change to add a co-op light and power company to their ARMER plan.

**Interoperable Data Committee** – No meeting, no report.

**IOC** – No meeting, no report.

**IPAWS** – No meeting, no report.

#### **Finance/Grants Workgroup –**

Tretter reported the grants workgroup met and did not approve any replacement radios, they will only approve non-encrypted new radios. They approved the Dakota BDA request, but it was not funded.

#### **Super Bowl 52 Communications Workgroup**

Janelle Harris from the City of Minneapolis presented on Super Bowl 52 public safety communications from January 26<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business**

**Regional Talkgroup Permission Requests** – IRS Criminal Investigations – ME TAC1-10 & ME TAC11E - ME TAC12E. No action was needed, the request was approved under agenda item 3c.

**2018 Meeting Dates-** Tretter shared the dates for 2018, these will be posted to the MESB website.

Haas said the next meeting is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>.

*The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.*