

# GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY TECH.ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: February 16, 2017

## Commission Chambers Governmental Center

### PRESENT:

Carol Crawford  
Chief Jeff O'Brien  
Capt. Keith Gillis  
Chief Jim Tuller  
Chief Pat Parker  
Chief Theo Weber  
Daryl Case  
Gregg Bird  
Jason Torrey  
Leah Hornacek  
Andrew Down  
Jim Carroll  
Tom King

### AGENCY:

G.T. County Board of Commissioners  
Traverse City Police  
Traverse City Police  
Traverse City Fire Department  
G.T. Metro Fire Department  
G.T. Rural Fire Department  
Emergency Medical Service  
G.T. Emergency Management  
G.T. Central Dispatch  
G.T. Central Dispatch  
Long Lake Fire Department  
Blair Twp. Fire Department  
Mobile Medical Response

### **Call to order**

Gregg Bird called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Gregg Bird introduced the agenda. Motion by Bird to approve agenda as presented. Support by Torrey. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Gregg Bird introduced the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Chief Weber to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Supported by Case. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

Jason Torrey gave the following updates:

- SIP conversion – Verizon has completed their conversion, At&t has not been covered as of yet. We are still working on total conversion to IP version. Conversions are going smooth with no major problems.
- Text to 911 – The program application has been loaded onto the CAD workstations in Central Dispatch. Dispatch will be training with the program. There will be a soft launch first which enables outgoing only to begin with. Once any bugs are worked out and dispatch has been fully trained, we will reveal a full scale launch featuring both outgoing and incoming texting.
- Green Lake Township Emergency Services has been separated from Rural Fire in the CAD system and is now fully functioning on their own ORI to complete the redistricting of their department.
- No update on the Road Commission/TCAPS central tower communications.

Daryl Case advised the committee that the BDA at MMC emergency department has been completed. This opened the floor for discussion of radio coverage in certain buildings in the county, ie: Grand Traverse Resort and Turtle Creek Casino.

Jason Torrey discussed the possibility of creating mutual aid templates or zones for Region 7 mutual aid events. In case of a large scale situation, we would already have this in place, thus alleviating possible problems. Discussion ensued. Jason will take this feedback to the region level. MPSCS does not currently have any talk groups that would work for this. If this were to be in place, other departments could incorporate this into their radio templates as they are designed.

Further discussion on the talk group templates.

Motion by Daryl Case to pursue this action. Support by Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

Jason Torrey advised the committee that Manton Fire Chief, Eric Wilkins, requested authorization for our talk groups to be programmed into their radios. Brief discussion. Chief Weber does not object to giving them what they need regarding incident profiles.

Jason Torrey will work on a standard talkgroup authentication process for both Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement.

Jason Torrey advised that the ARFF activations have been moved to the 800MHz system.

Jason Torrey advised that he and Deputy Director Leah Hornacek have met with the new IT consultant, Paul, for the County and went through their priorities. Those priorities were in line with Paul's thinking as well. They also discussed the importance of redundant system for internet in our center. Without internet, we lose of a lot of functionality with helpful applications.

Also discussed with IT consultant was multinode phone system. Jason advised the committee that there will still be issues with the carriers not being able to get the information to the network but that would not be any issue on our end.

Jason provided information on the communication problem in Kingsley. He is currently looking at both the Central Tower and Kingsley Tower for possible suitability for backfill of signal strength. He further advised that a number of channels were added to the Bugai tower in Leelanau County.

Dispatch Supervisor Cory Ellis provided the committee with an Active 911 presentation for consideration of a single county wide notification system that would help control better distribution and possible overall cost savings.

### **Round Table**

Gregg Bird advised that Murchie Bridge will be shut down on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> with a projected finish date of June 9, 2017. They will be closing the north side bridge first.

Chief Tuller advised that all bridges will be replaced within the city limits within the next 4 years. Start dates will be provided when they are received.

Gregg Bird mentioned working with law enforcement on the counterfeit bills problem. He suggested making a group in Code Red to get the information out to the various banking representatives. He stated that this could also prove to be beneficial for hotels, pharmacies, and the like.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:15AM**