

CENTRAL MINNESOTA USER COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 14, 2011, 1:00 p.m.
Douglas County Public Works Building, Alexandria, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Douglas County – Dave Pedersen
2. Grant County – Troy Langlie, Tina Lindquist, Kyle Weets
3. Meeker County – Rich Christianson, Joel Engler, Greg Gilbertson, Gary Shaffer
4. Mille Lacs County – Brian Payne
5. Morrison County – Jason McDonald, Craig Seelen
6. Otter Tail County – Mark Hovland, Jim Stewart
7. Pope County – Jim Minion
8. St. Cloud City of – Chuck Koetter
9. Stearns County – Jim Hughes, Kristen Lahr, Paul McIntyre
10. Stevens County – Ashley Schmidgall, Ross Tiegs
11. Swift County – Bill McGeary
12. Todd County – Bob Cuchna
13. Traverse County – Stan Churchill
14. Wright County – Gordy Vosberg

MEMBERS ABSENT:

15. Benton County
16. Big Stone County
17. Kandiyohi County
18. Sherburne County
19. Wadena County
20. Wilkin County

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Chair McIntyre at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were conducted. Quorum present with 14 of 20 entities present.

COMMUNICIONS:

West Central Bio-terrorism will purchase base stations for hospitals in West Central Region.

INCIDENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chuck Koetter moved to approve March 15th minutes, second by Dave Pedersen motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Table DOC presentation moved by Bill McGeary to approve agenda, second by Bob Cuchna, motion carried.

REPORTS:

SRB/ARMER UPDATE; MnDPS/MnDOT:

MnDOT:

No report.

REPORTS: (Continued)

SRB/ARMER UPDATE; MnDPS/MnDOT: (Continued)

SRB Update:

Update provided.

OTC Update:

No report.

Interop Committee:

No report.

CMNRRB Update:

Update provided.

CMRAC Update:

Update provided, JPA, STR, trainings, regional logger and jail SOA, regional capacity, TICP, and pending legislation.

Owners & Operators Update:

Will pursue a participation plan for region to outline existing talkgroups, request a block of ten additional talkgroups for future use, a block of radio IDs, discussed interoperability between counties and neighboring counties, voted on encrypted usage standard.

CMN Regional Interop Coordinator Update:

No report.

EMS Hospital OTC Subcommittee Update:

EMS and ambulance best practice are complete and adopted, in process of completing the same for hospitals, then public health, this committee is a formal subcommittee under OTC.

Regional RRB/RAC/O&O/User Meeting:

Next meeting is April 25th at St. Cloud MnDOT.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS:

Tower Sites Update:

Check website for current updates.

Funding and Grant Writing Update:

Most entities in this region have applied for fire grants; can include ambulance services for interoperability since they can not apply their self.

Training Topics CPS and Admin Update:

No suggestions at this time.

Proposed Joint Powers Agreement Update:

Still reviewing.

STR (Storage/Access/Resources, etc.) Update:

No update.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS: (CONTINUED)

Fleet Mapping and Zone Layouts Training:

Training provided on Stearns County fleemap including regional, statewide, and federal talkgroups. Brief discussion on how counties currently are interoping with neighbors whether assisting in fires or chases. Consensus is to encourage utilizing regional talkgroups.

Other Items of Interest:

None.

STANDARDS:

Discussed standard 1.11.2 and 1.11.3, will review 1.11.4 and 1.11.5 in May.

TRAINING/EDUCATION:

Will tour Alex Tech in future, suggested to look at their online training. RIC Justin will train at a future meeting in reference to what the system can do and how to best utilize it. Discussion regarding SOA's and switching back and forth, it is best to hold two radios or use a patch. Fire had some problems with sound if there is a voice amplifier; consensus is it could be setting or amplifier equipment.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next meeting will be May 17th at 6:30 p.m. and June 9th at 1:00 p.m. Dave Pedersen moved to cancel July and August unless there is timely business and have vote take place in May, Bob Cuchna second, motion carried.

ADOURNMENT:

Dave Pedersen moved, second Bob Cuchna by to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Debbie Backes.