

CENTRAL DISPATCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2024

Robert Savoie called the meeting of the Central Dispatch Board of Directors to order at 1500 hours on Monday, October 28, 2024, in the Emergency Operations Center in Chippewa County Central Dispatch.

The following board members were in attendance: Commissioner Robert Savoie, County Administrator Kelly Church, Sault Fire Chief Ed Miller, EMS rep/ Pickford Fire Chief Jim Miller, Sault Police Chief Wes Bierling, MSP LT Rob Allen, CCSO Undersheriff Ryan Hering, STPD Chief Rob Marchand, Fire rep Chief Dan Wilcox, BMPD Chief Ron Carrick, & School Rep Tom McKee,

Others present: Dispatch Director Greg Postma, Dispatch Operations Manager Sara Ostwald, & Rudyard Fire Chief Ryan Berkompas

Roll call noted

Introductions- None needed

Additions/ deletions to meeting agenda

Addition:

Deletion:

Approval of the agenda

Approval of additions/agenda **MOVED** by Jim Miller and supported by Ed Miller to approve the meeting agenda. On a vote, the Motion carried.

Review and approve minutes from 8-26-2024

Approved of Minutes from 8/26/2024 **MOVED** by Ron Carrick and supported by Ryan Herring to approve the meeting minutes. On a vote, the **Motion carried**.

Review and approve expenditures and monthly revenue

Motion Tom McKee supported by Jim Miller

Public comment -No public comment

a) Bi- Monthly Report & Call Volume Reporting

- a. Summer is over all calls numbers are going down
- b. We are going into the lull between summer and winter

b) UP 911 Authority New CAD Project

- a. Have went to demos in Marquette and have had 2/3 virtual cad to cad demos so far
- b. Any of the products we choose will be a very large jump forward for us
- c. Hoping to spend all/most of 2025 building the system
- d. We are keeping a very good pace moving forward

c) Operations manager Report- staffing

- a. Fully staffed with one in training who is moving along very well in the progress
- b. Will be moving to nights on next payroll to finish training and will remain on that shift

d) EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatching) Search- update

- a. Finished up most EMD training and now just wrapping up with some extra trainings
- b. Very excited with how it is going and how much it is going to help our dispatchers, callers, and field responders out
- c. Go live is December 3rd and we are anxiously waiting for it

e) 800mhz Migration- Title III spending on 800 project RFP update

- a. The state has confirmed they have the payment and are moving forward
- b. We are just waiting on the Hex code then we will have one of our AUX comm members help with programming and get them out to departments starting on the west end
- c. AUX Comm has been testing all over the county including all of the islands and there were no issues found around any of the fire departments

f) OES Tower Migration

- a. We are very irritated with how this progress is going
- b. We received a brand new radio and it was broken out of the box
- c. ELCOM put it in place and we were getting reports right away that there were issues they then took it out and put in the old equipment
- d. The old equipment back in worked for a little bit but many departments are again having issues
- e. ELCOM working on a fix to the problem
- f. Ed Miller mentioned once Soo Fire moves to 800 radios we may be able to repurpose the tower in the Soo to put out a better signal for all departments on the OES tower since it sits a little higher.
 - i. This would also help with yearly maintenance costs to potentially remove one tower site

g) OES Advanced EMT Course- Clarification on attendees

- a. We already are using funding for these courses but there is some clarification needed for who is qualified for the funding
 - i. There are four people who we need the board opinion on if they qualify for funding
 - 1. Three of the four live in Chippewa County but work for Straits EMS which does partially cover Chippewa County for Trout Lake and helps with intercept occasionally for Detour/ Drummond
 - 2. The fourth person lives in Chippewa County and works for MyMichigan EMS which provides transports and the occasional emergency coverage for Chippewa County
 - ii. The board agreed that we should pay the fees to help cover the cost for the class. We are already short on responders so helping to cover the costs may allow for more people to take the classes.
 - iii. It was decided that with the students covering even portions of the county it would be worth it to cover their costs since any bit of additional training may be able to help someone more/ save a life.

h) Applications for 911 Board Committee

- a. Applications are open and appointments will be done after the first of the year
- b. Right now we have received one application from Tom McKee as the school board representative again

i) Next meeting December 18, 2024 at 1600 at Sault Ste Marie City Police Department

Committee Member Comments-

Chief Miller would like to put together an 800 radio training/ refresher course for EMS, Fire and Law to better help everyone understand the equipment since more departments are moving onto this system. His hope is to better communication between all departments.

Adjournment-

MOVED by Jim Miller and seconded by Ryan Berkompas to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1549 hours, by Chairman Robert Savoie.