

Fire & EMS Operational Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 2, 2019

Present: Madison Twp. Fire Chief Robert Black, Rodney Black, 911 Director Susie Lawrence, City Fire Chief Bill Devries, EMS Director Shane Williams, EMA Director Troy Morgan and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Shelton

Business

Chief Robert Black called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Chief Robert Black asked how the S.O.P's were working for Central Dispatch and is there anything that needs to be adjusted? Director Lawrence stated that the dispatchers have read them and that they are in dispatch, and that they are being used but that it will take some time for them to get use to them. Chief Robert Black and Madison City Fire Chief Bill Devries stated that they had agreed to give the dispatchers 6 months to use the S.O.P's without hassle and they the committee would go back to quarterly meetings as it states in the Inter-local agreement. Chief Robert Black also stated that outside the City Limits- dispatch was paging two fire departments for car fires, and that it wasn't necessary. Director Lawrence asked for the Times of the calls so that she could research it.

Chief Robert Black says that he monitors everything during the day, not to try to find dirt on anyone but to listen for discrepancies. He has also noted that there seems to be a lag time between paging out the secondary fire units. He said that it gets up to 4 or 5 minutes. Director Lawrence said that if she knew the dates of the calls that she would check it out, because they shouldn't be waiting that long. Director Lawrence talked about an incident at the last fire where a couple of firemen called 911 to get directions and to talk about the radio modulation. The Chief Robert Black stated that at one particular fire run they paged the secondary unit and that it left that side of the county unprotected. Rodney Black stated that he had a diagram that could help the dispatchers on this but that he left it at home. Rodney Black also stated that he has heard a lot of chatter between the firemen on the 800 channel and that they should be using fire ground channels or talk groups to do this and not tie up the dispatch channel. Rodney Black said that a lot of the chatter was coming from the city guys and asked Madison City Fire Chief Bill Devries said that they were working on it. Rodney stated that he thought it should be up to dispatch to assign the firemen their talk groups. Madison City Fire Chief Bill Devries said that he could make up a cheat sheet to help aid the dispatchers. EMA Director Troy Morgan asked Director Lawrence if dispatch still had his notification policy, Director Lawrence stated

that they did. EMA Director Troy Morgan also stated that he need to get a list of all Fire Radio ID's so that he can update the State system. Chief Robert Black stated that he thought that dispatch had already written them down on different occasions when the Fireman have called in. Director Lawrence said that she would check with her two Supervisors to see if there was a list started. With nothing more to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 with Director Lawrence seconding.