

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MINUTES

Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department

By Google Hangout or:

525 N. 6th St.

Sheboygan, WI 53081

July 21, 2021

Called to Order: 5:00 PM

Adjourned: 5:48 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Schreiner, Jason Liermann, Todd Stange (Virtual), Chris Lewinski, Mike Brungraber, Steve Steinhardt (Virtual), Bryan Olson (Virtual), Jason Ebert, Jacob Immel (Virtual).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Althaus, Eric Bushman (Excused) and Blaine Werner

Call to Order

Chairman Schreiner called the meeting / virtual meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Jason Liermann certified compliance with the open meeting law. The meeting notice was posted on July 19, 2021, at 10:30 am.

Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2021, Meeting

Motion by Mike Brungraber and seconded by Chris Lewinski to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021, meeting. Motion carried with no nay votes.

Correspondence

None

Review and Approve changes in the standard fire department radio template:

Russ Schreiner advised the council of the on-going communications between Ozaukee County and Sheboygan County Fire Departments. At the March Sheboygan County Fire Chief's Meeting it was approved to add another zone for Ozaukee County. We would then send the Sheboygan County Template to Ozaukee and we would also get a copy of the Ozaukee Template to put on our system. Russ explained that all radios in Sheboygan County would get the template. There was discussion about whether all should receive the template or just those listed on Ozaukee County MABAS cards that would respond into Ozaukee County having the template. Russ mentioned there was another conference call scheduled for this coming Monday. Michael Brungraber inquired if Law Enforcement was going to get Ozaukee Frequencies and Russ advised that it was best to continue with a patch set up.

Update on Interoperability with Ozaukee County

Russ Schreiner advised that he spoke to George Macias about forming a spreadsheet with the talk groups and identifiers listed on it for the current Sheboygan County Fire Departments. Russ mentioned that we would have to give Ozaukee County our system key so the Harris Radio supplier could add the Sheboygan County template. There is a cost to these steps. Russ also advised that it would be a good time for George to make sure that all radios get the most recent firmware update. Michael Brungraber brought up the number of radio licenses going to Ozaukee County and Russ mentioned that he will have to find out what exactly Ozaukee County is looking for.

Todd Stange mentioned that it would be good to meet with the Northern Ozaukee Departments that would be getting assistance from Sheboygan County Departments, to identify who needs access to the two systems, which could help save some licensing. Todd advised that the standard template was not brought up during the discussions. Russ advised that more information will be needed from the next call and Todd advised that he would also like to be on the call. Jason Liermann sent the invite for Monday's call to Todd. Jason Ebert then inquired about future expansion, do the agencies need permission to add or do they just do it. Russ then inquired about how Ozaukee County will be notified about the specific talk group being used. Michael also mentioned that when departments switch to Ozaukee County, they will no longer be on the Sheboygan County system.

Update on Homeland Security Use of Sheboygan County Radio System

Russ Schreiner advised that a radio has been given to the customs agent and that he recently met the agent. It was also mentioned that we needed to confirm that Law Committee received the recommendation to issue the radio. Jason Liermann advised that he remembered seeing the customs agent radio on the Law Committee agenda and will update the council at the next meeting.

Update on the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study the primary and secondary EOC communications / capabilities

Steve Steinhardt updated the Council that his \$7500 grant for antennas was turned down by the State. He advised that he will be looking to update computers in next years budget, due to some computers that do not have enough resources to run current programs.

Review radio system's operations

Russ Schreiner reported that George Macias has been working on a Microwave upgrade with Nokia since June. There is also SARS upgrading being done and there could be some possible outages. The MPRs are scheduled to be done possibly next month. Russ also advised that George is working on Virus updates on the radio servers.

Interoperability update

Russ advised that there was really nothing to report. He did advise that George was working on the 205 for the upcoming Ryder Cup Golf Tournament. Michael Brungraber made mention of a talk group for the Airport and Town of Sheboygan Falls Fire Department. During this update, Steve Steinhardt made mention of getting a blanket approval for adding radios to our system. After further discussion, Steve Steinhardt made a motion for Allocating 50 Subscriber ID's for our Public Safety Partners for Special Events. Bryan Olson 2nd the motion. Motion carried with no nay votes. Also, this motion was passed to the Law Committee Meeting on Aug. 5th.

City/County IT Update

Chris Lewinski reported that the firewall project timeframe is not reasonable, with the project being pushed back to later fall. He advised this was last done in 2015, at that time there was a switch between companies. Chris advised this year's project is staying with the same company and hopefully no issues. Chris also advised that in 2022 there could be a NetMotion upgrade.

Eric Bushman reported via email that Sheboygan started ordering equipment for the sub EOC at City Hall, there was an IP Flex circuit replaced at Wastewater Treatment Facility, the Police Department had AT7T PRI Phone circuit (VOIP) placed and there is replacements coming for the squad MDCs.

MABAS Update

No Report.

Public Comment

Russ made a public comment on behalf of the Communication Council, thanking Lieutenant Kristine DeBlaey for her input and dedication to the county, the Sheriff's Office and the council. Russ also welcomed Captain Jason Liermann to the Communications Council.

Scheduled Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

Adjourn

Motion by Steve Steinhardt; seconded by Michael Brungraber to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Submitted by Jason Liermann
Recording Secretary

Russ Schreiner
Chairman