



# Dukes County Sheriff's Office

## MVPSCS

*(Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communications System)*



### **MVPSCS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting was called to order by Lt. Col. Peter Graczykowski at 1104 Hours on October 28, 2020 at the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Administrative Offices, Conference Room, 9 Flight Path, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 and simultaneously via Zoom, Meeting ID 280 751 4528.

#### **In Attendance**

Chief Randhi Belain, Aquinnah Police Department  
Chief Erik Blake, Oak Bluffs Police / Fire Department  
Dep. Anthony Gould, Dukes County Sheriff's Office  
Lt. Col. Peter Graczykowski, Dukes County Sheriff's Office  
Tracey Jones, Tisbury EMS Department  
Chief Jonathan Klaren, Chilmark Police Department  
Chief Greg Leland, Tisbury Fire Department  
Chief Bruce McNamee, Edgartown Police Department  
Chief Matthew Mincone, W. Tisbury Police Department (joined at 1107 Hours)  
Chief Ben Retmier, Tri-Town Ambulance  
Chief Alex Schaeffer, Edgartown Fire-EMS Department

#### **Absent**

Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Chilmark Fire Department  
Chief Manny Estrella, W. Tisbury Fire Department  
Chief Mark Saloio, Tisbury Police Department

#### **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of its September 29, 2020 meeting. Chief Schaeffer made a motion to approve as drafted, Chief Retmier seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

- Dep. Gould reviewed Phase II Buildout and Design with the Board:
  - Chief Belain requested and received confirmation of the planned 1 for 1 swap of existing NX subscriber units for EFJ units. Such swap is due to the constraints, including no reprogramming costs, in the FY21 Development Grant award. EFJ units acquired as part of the swap will become municipal property, but will be tracked as DCSO assets for inventory and programming purposes.
  - Chief Schaeffer requested and received information on comparative costs of microwave vs. fiber connection at the Chappaquiddick site. These are temporary interconnection costs until a permanent new site can be secured in Edgartown. The costs are comparable, since the initial higher capital costs of microwave equipment and generator are avoided, while higher operating costs of fiber are incurred. Dep. Gould was asked to provide a more detailed cost comparison.



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- Chief Schaeffer also requested information on radio pager status for EMS use. Dep. Gould explained that "alert by phone" will be eliminated and replaced with radio communication. Also, the user specific permissions in the pager system will be available. Dep. Gould also addressed Bryx and IaR integration, which will be evaluated further, as the implementation occurs.
- Chief Retmier inquired about the cost of additional EFJ units not covered by the initial deployment under the FY21 Development Grant award. Dep. Gould explained that mission-critical number of units for each public safety agency, as per inventory worksheet confirmed with each department between January-October 2020, will be provided at no cost to Police, Fire and EMS under the FY21 grant. Additional, non mission-critical units can be purchased by each agency using the statewide contract ITT57 pricing at approx. \$1,500.00 for Fire and EMS and \$1,800.00 for Police due to encryption requirements. Units purchased by municipalities independently will remain municipal assets, but will need to be programmed by the Sheriff's Office to ensure system integrity and reliability.
- Dep. Gould added that the initial deployment using FY21 grant funds will address Police, Fire and EMS communication basic operational requirements. FY22 Development Grant application will include the request for additional, non mission-critical subscriber units for Police, Fire and EMS, as well as mission-critical units for non-Public Safety departments, whose radio communications are also supported by the regional radio system. Sheriff's Office will also work on identifying any remaining grant funds from FY20-21 grant cycles, which supported Phases 1A-1B of the radio system upgrade, for any potential purchase of additional subscriber units. Spares are specifically excluded under grant funding.
- Chief Schaeffer inquired about the programming costs for the new units. Dep. Gould confirmed that initial deployment of mission-critical units will be handled by the Sheriff's Office, and subsequent programming would be handled under the Technical Services MOA between each municipality and Sheriff's Office.
- Dep. Gould also confirmed that existing accessories, chargers and batteries from NX units are compatible with replacement EFJ units, while certain mobile installations for Edgartown fleet will require custom solutions.
- Chief Klaren inquired about the interoperability of current VHF units on ch. 404, and Dep. Gould explained they will work on 404, but will need to be reprogrammed to work with new channels.
- Chief Schaeffer requested email updates to the Board, as the implementation nears.

### Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be scheduled at the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Administrative Offices, Conference Room, 9 Flight Path, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 and simultaneously via Zoom; as needed, and announced and posted in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chief Belain at 1209 Hours, seconded by Chief Schaeffer, and passed unanimously.

Prepared by:

Lt. Col. Peter Graczykowski, Assistant Superintendent