



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 Dep. Anthony Gould at 1305 Hours on June 21, 2021 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	A10
Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Chilmark Fire Department	110
Lt. Chris Dolby, Edgartown Police Department	E11
Dep. Anthony Gould, Dukes County Sheriff's Office	D50
Lt. Col. Peter Graczykowski, Dukes County Sheriff's Office	D57
Mgr. Tracey Jones, Tisbury EMS Department	
Chief Jonathan Klaren, Chilmark Police Department	C10
Chief Greg Leland, Tisbury Fire Department	610
Chief Greg Pachico, W. Tisbury Fire Department	710
Chief Ben Retmier, Tri-Town Ambulance	M70
Chief Mark Saloio, Tisbury Police Department	T10
Chief Alex Schaeffer, Edgartown Fire-EMS Department	210
Maj. Susan Schofield, Dukes County Sheriff's Office	
Sgt. Chris West, Dukes County Sheriff's Office	D59
Chief W.F. Nelson Wirtz, Oak Bluff Fire Department	510

Absent

Chief Erik Blake, Oak Bluffs Police / Fire Department	O10
Chief Matthew Mincone, W. Tisbury Police Department	W10

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The Board did not act on the approval of the December 7, 2020 minutes, since the approval must occur at a joint meeting of the MVPSCS Public Safety Communications and Communications Financial Advisory Board.

New Business

- Dep. Gould conducted technical discussion with the Board:
 - Outstanding items for all towns were provided by the Board members, as follows:
 - Edgartown**
 - EPD - E11 cruiser
 - EFD - 211,212,213 mobile radios for vehs, 201 low priority for same.
 - EDG EMS - 3 EMT portables.
 - Oak Bluffs**
 - OBFD - station overhead, base station 510 office, 3 additional portables, pager programming training, call sign changes.
 - OBEMS - B12 portable issue with call sign ID. Tisbury



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Tisbury

TPD - T10 advised they have purchased 5 additional portables that will need to be programmed. No other requests at this time.

TFD - Pagers all set. 610 portable needs to be programmed. Dep. Gould stated this will be programmed tonight by Sgt, West.

TEMS - M50 request 2nd mobile radio head for rear of T90.

West Tisbury

WTFD - 776(Boat) needs mobile radio and possibly antenna replaced, Chief's car x 3, Station 1 base station for 630.

TTA - B85 portable having reception issues, M70 will make a list of additional needs for portables. M70 would like the cmed phone handsets back in his ambulances. M70 req a mobile base radio for all three stations as well.

Chilmark

CPD - C10 advised they are all set at this time.

CFD - 110 & 111 pick up trucks mobile radios need to be installed. 110 will make a list for additional portable radios.

Aquinnah

APD - A10 adv new cruiser will need a mobile radio installed. Tribe boat and atv need radios as well.

AFD - No representative present, A10 adv they may want a radio on the ATV as it currently has one from the old system. D50 will reach out to 310.

MSP

No representative present. D50 will reach out to S10.

- Dep Gould advised the Board of the additional grant funds for FY22 in the amount of \$1.5 million. This money should help cover the cost of comms equipment for all town depts i.e. highway dept, harbormaster lifeguards etc., if determined eligible by State 911 Department. Spare radios not covered by the grant.
- Coverage issues and areas of concern as well as policy and procedure were discussed, as follows:
 - 110 stated pagers are all static or very low voice making it hard to understand. D50 will be working on this issue and conduct test pages with departments individually.
 - 110 inquired about moving to digital pagers. Pros and cons were discussed.
 - 110 req when giving updates to simulcast on the pager channel as well as FD/EMS dispatch.
 - update policy understood by all, Maj. Schofield stated can call or email first to discuss a change prior to a formal request being submitted.
 - Alert tones for medicals has same issue as pagers, loud tone low voice, D50 working on solution. Medical alert tone should be hit for any ambulance request.
 - Unit specific activation: would use existing ems tones for all calls or create new ones if wanted. Maj. Schofield suggested it could be done for all or just at night, M70 liked the idea for nights. 210 suggested one tone across the island for medical calls.
 - Control will verbalize channel change on arrival in dispatch. 610 feels this will help check the coverage of the sub channels as well i.e. ops down etc. D50 advised should the op's channels not work during an event revert to the tac channel B2.
 - IC can request a operations channel change for any event.
 - Fire 4 can be used for drills.



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- The assigned channel is meant for the entire event, can use the fire ground channels for working groups.
- D50/D59 will respond if requested to any event to assist with ICS and comms.
- Volume issues on Controls side will be addressed i.e. facing the mic.
- 210 suggested changes to the state beach water call response. Staging a EFD vehicle at bend in the road with a lifeguard and lifeguard EMT to resp, Call signs and dispatch policy will be discussed at later date. No need for all units to sign on. Only chiefs, capts, apparatus to sign on via radio.
- Control wont make the calls on channel changes that will be up to the IC on arrival.
- Maj. Schofield had a reminder for all units to hale Control on the radio.
- T10 suggested a setting up a program to have employees to a shift in dispatch to see what happens on that side to help better understand. Suggested all PD units should be running more stops and info on their own as they all have MDT's in cruisers.
- Sgt. West suggested using B2 fire tac for Sunday radio checks, approved unanimously.
- 210 suggested a centralized way to submit radio issues to Dep. Gould as opposed to individuals reaching out after calls and requesting a call from him. Dep. Gould suggested each department name a representative. Chosen reps or Chiefs are the only ones that should be calling regarding these issues.
- 210 suggested mayday calls or change in priority requests on the tac channels if the dispatch channels are being used.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled at the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Administrative Offices, Conference Room, 9 Flight Path, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 and simultaneously via Zoom, on July 29, 2021 at 1530 Hours, subject to the availability of the MVPSCS Communications Financial Advisory Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1435 Hours.

Prepared by: _____
Sgt. Chris West