



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. Graczykowski at 1205 Hours on May 5, 2022 at the Dukes County Sheriff's Office Conference Room at 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 Jeremy Bradshaw, Chilmark Fire Department
Cpt. Anthony Gould, Dukes County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Col. Peter Graczykowski, Dukes County Sheriff's Office
Chief Jonathan Klaren, Chilmark Police Department
Dir. Tracey Jones, Tisbury EMS Department
Chief Greg Leland, Tisbury Fire Department
Chief Bruce McNamee, Edgartown Police Department
Chief Matthew Mincone, W. Tisbury Police Department
Chief Greg Pachico, W. Tisbury Fire Department
Chief Ben Retmier, Tri-Town Ambulance
Chief Alex Schaeffer, Edgartown Fire-EMS Department
Jonathan Snyder, Finance Director, Town of Tisbury
Chief W.F. Nelson Wirtz, Oak Bluff Fire-EMS Department

Absent

Chief Erik Blake, Oak Bluffs Police / Fire Department
Chief Simon Bollin, Aquinnah Fire Department
Chief Christopher Habekost, Tisbury Police Department

Public Comment

No public comment was provided. Vicki Divoll from Chilmark Finance Committee attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of its November 15, 2021 meeting. Chief Belain made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted, Chief McNamee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of eligible members.

New Business

- Cpt. Gould briefed Board members on the progress with the Edgartown Microsite's installation. The hardware was installed at the Dukes County Regional Jail and House of Correction facility, which was selected due to elevation, coverage strength and existing high-speed broadband connection. The site will be fully activated when the Uninterruptible Power System backup is installed when it arrives within next 1-2 weeks. At this time, two channels are turned on for Police Department TAC and being tuned. Dispatch is to be tested next. Cpt. Gould asked for feedback, as the site is tested and late activated. The expected activation date is the end of May 2022.



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- Cpt. Gould next briefed the Board members on the status of deployment of additional portable and mobile subscriber units. Additional 6-unit banks of Public Safety portable subscriber units will be distributed to each department in the next 2-3 weeks. Also, under the FY23 Development Grant funding, 120 Public Service subscriber units will be deployed among Town departments. Harbormaster units will be deployed first, to assist with the summer season. Other Public Service subscriber units are expected to be distributed in the fall of 2022. At this time, meetings are being scheduled with Public Works Superintendents to plan for deployment.
- Cpt. Gould offered to prepare and distribute Monthly Status Updates, as his schedule allows. Such updates would offer timely project information in between Board meetings.
- Chief Pachico inquired about and Cpt. Gould confirmed the network changes related to the addition of Edgartown Microsite.
- Chief Schaeffer asked if there were any pager issues after the new system's implementation. Cpt. Gould was not previously made aware of any such issues. Chief Pachico mentioned that certain transmissions received up-Island were "scratchy." Cpt. Gould will monitor, factoring in the weather conditions that may affect the receiving quality. Cpt. Gould also mentioned that he is actively looking into an enhanced option to current digital alternatives, such as IMR and BRYX.
- Chief Schaeffer inquired about the current BRYX access levels. Cpt. Gould explained that Fire has access to Fire calls only, while Police have access to all calls. A conscious effort should be made to make sure users do not share credentials to limit unauthorized access. Cpt. Gould will circulate the current credentials list to all Chiefs.
- Chief Wirtz brought up the MedEvac communications and how they are currently handled. The MedEvac cannot be requested by radio – it is requested by a call from RECC, with CMED as safety net. EMTs' decisions are evaluated by the MVH medical staff, which sometimes results in denial of MedEvac. The Board discussed the potential of removing radio communications access from the MVH, and instead providing a radio scanner for monitoring medical calls only. Encryption of EMS/Fire TAC calls was also discussed. This issue will be further discussed at the next Chiefs' meeting.
- Chief Pachico inquired whether a cancellation can be transmitted through the existing IMR system. Cpt. Gould responded that, currently, within his scope of control, it cannot be implemented. The question should be directed to the MVLEC IT provider, RDA SoftNet, who can either implement the solution within IMR or recommend a different solution. Cpt. Gould also mentioned that the ZELLO application can be installed on smart phone devices.

Old Business

- The Board discussed the previously requested election of the Chair, who would work with the Sheriff's staff to set and prepare the agenda. Such election was deferred to the next meeting, pending further review of the language from the December 1, 2021 meeting of the Communications Financial Advisory Board.
- Chief Leland reminded Cpt. Gould that a more formal explanation of the higher broadband connectivity cost from Comcast at Chappaquiddick WISP needs to be provided as a follow-up.



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Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be scheduled as needed, and announced and posted in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chief Bradshaw at 1304 Hours, seconded by Cpt. Gould, and passed unanimously.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Graczykowski".

Lt. Col. Graczykowski