

## RENSSELAER COUNTY RADIO COMMITTEE

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REPRESENTING RENSSELAER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS AND AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Mark Lacivita, Chairman Dave Jordan, Co-Chairman/Secretary

Web site: <http://sites.google.com/site/rensselaercountycommunications/home>

Radio Committee Meeting: Held at Hoosick Falls Fire Station, (Station 17) on August 15, 2018

**Attendance:** D Basle (*Batt 3*), A Manchester (*EMS-BPS*), S Kelly (*Schodack chiefs*), J Hohn (*Batt 5*), P Glasser (*BPS*), J Thomas (*BPS*), J Burt (*BPS*), D Valyou (*Batt 1*), T Stewart (*BPS- RACES*), K Allen (*EMS 205*), I Wager (*BPS*), M Hubbs (*Batt 2*), L Crosier (*EMS 5*), W Weeden (*Batt 1*), J Lacivita (*East Greenbush chiefs*), G Fox (*No. Hoosick FD*), A Bornt (*No. Hoosick FD*), B Stewart (*Batt 3*), M Lacivita (*Chairman*), D Jordan (*co-chairman*).

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lacivita, at 1900.

### 1.) Reports

Director BPS – No report.

Deputy Director – No report, will comment as we go thru the agenda

Communications Center Supervisor – No report..

Fire Coordinator – Noted that Schodack chiefs are looking to schedule radio training. Greenwich FD training was done on 8/07, per Glen Myers.

EMS Coordinator – Stated interviews continue for the EMS-2 position, and the MCI trailers are being inventoried and inspected.

Policy & Procedures – No report.

Law Enforcement – Per P Glasser meeting today, and expect 3 to 4 weeks before moving to new system. .

Highway – No report.

RACES – Stated the repeater at Grafton is not working; it may be getting moved (per B Mohan – WCS) as it's the only thing left in old building.

### 2.) Update/Status reports / Ongoing Issues

- 911 Center Update – Nothing new to report.
- Tri-Tech – working well, now live with Albany County. P Glasser noted that they will be consolidating incident numbers (Fire – EMS using same number of incident) and not separate for each agency. It is transparent to the users. It is being moved to EMS. Requires manpower, using the shift supervisors.
- IAR – is interfaced with Tri-Tech.
- 800 System – Final round of inspection, and punch list, followed by sign-offs, etc. Looking for 10/01 date of acceptance. Once this is completed it will be the start date of the warranties. Departments will need to set up agency accounts with Motorola to send out equipment for repairs. If agencies elect to go thru Wells Communications directly, there will be as shipping cost charged. A memo will be sent out when the

system acceptance takes place. It will be recommended that departments / agencies set up a schedule for equipment “tune-ups” for their mobiles and portables, perhaps every other year. J Burt mentioned that for repairs of mobile radios that a mobile radio will be swapped with a spare and not returned; this will eliminate a return service call that is not part of the warranty. Agencies should still report any problems to Paul Glasser, not just warranty issues..

- Training – Acceptable level of compliance, but still have some issues that are not being handled right. Glenn Myers doing training for BEFO (firefighters) and will soon be a part of EMS. He is working on how it is going to fit. Training is available for any department, contact Paul Glasser.
- Multi-agency interoperability- Thanks to Alan Bornt for making the contact with Bennington to set up a meeting. It was mentioned that a recent search job on North Bennington went well; congratulations to Alan Bornt and his crew. There will be meeting again with Washington and Columbia County soon.
- Web page is done, Box alarms are mostly all current, T Smith is working on these. There are forms and training schedules here as well. {go to Renssco.com, then click on Public Safety}
- Recent meeting held with Questar, concerning school safety and coverage concerns (by radio).
- The MCC will be at the Schaghticoke Fair.
- Helicopter communications – the Life-Net helicopter patch – it works! It was recently tested in West Sand Lake, but there was a minor problem noted. Contact Dispatch to “establish the patch” VTAC – tach 8.
- Some departments still need to submit their radio assignments – UID – for their units/apparatus. (mentioned were stations 31, 34 and 37)
- All mobile installs are complete. No longer on project. Any special arrangements with Wells Communications is now required. J Burt mentioned there are a few.

### **3). Other items:**

- It was mentioned that the Bureau may be hiring more Communications Officers on a provisional basis
- Agency Contact information needs be sent to the Bureau to keep up to date.

Adjournment - Meeting concluded at 1935

### **Meeting Schedule**

Next Radio Committee meeting –

10/17/18 at the East Greenbush FD Park Station, 68 Phillips Road, East Greenbush

Other meeting date left this year is: 12/19/18 - the location to be determined

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dave Jordan*  
Co-Chairman, Secretary