

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 East Greenbush FD Park Station, on October 17, 2018

Attendance: D Basle (*Batt 3*), A Manchester (*EMS-BPS*), S Kelly (*Schodack chiefs*), R. McClave (*Batt 5*), P Glasser (*BPS*), J Thomas (*BPS*), J Burt (*BPS*), D Valyou (*Batt 1*), K Allen (*EMS 205*), M Hubbs (*Batt 2*), W Weeden (*Batt 1*), J Lacivita (*East Greenbush chiefs*), B Stewart (*Batt 3*), Brian Cassidy (*Batt 4*), B. Mohan (*Wells*), M. Drinkwine (*Batt 2*) M Lacivita (*Chairman*), D Jordan (*co-chairman*), E. Coburn, (*Policy*), B. Lehmann(*EGFD*), M. Benson (*EGFD*)

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 – Not Present

EMS Coordinator – Kathy Allen was appointed EMS 2

Policy & Procedures – No report.

Law Enforcement – No Report

Highway – No Report.

RACES – No Report

2.) Update/Status reports / Ongoing Issues

- Tri-Tech – Changes are implemented to streamline process
- IAR – is now interfaced with Tri-Tech.
- On-Line data interface under review
- 800 System – Moving toward final acceptance. Warranty will start when signed, 36 months. Agencies should still report any problems to Paul Glasser
- Training – Acceptable level of compliance, but still have some issues that are not followed correctly. Training is available for any department, contact Paul Glasser.
- Law Enforcement – Work group is meeting monthly, still some programming issues with the Harris radios.
- EF Johnson – Previous Project Updates advised all agencies that the EF Johnson equipment is surplus, has no value and may be disposed of consistent with local policy.

- Coverage Items
Prior to final acceptance of the system, BPS and Blue Wing are again reviewing the results of Coverage Acceptance Test Plan (CATP). A few coverage deficiencies have been reported. All sites are being evaluated by Motorola and Wells technicians to verify they are operation to specifications. The coverage guarantee is 95% street level portable coverage and the CATP results are 98%.
- Warranty Service
Upon acceptance, the 36 month warranty starts. Notification and detailed warranty service instructions will be sent out at that time.
- FAILSOFT
This is the automatic system default operation in the event there is a system problem. There are various operational levels that require no user interaction. Recently, the system went into trouble due to the main GPS device interruption. Wells had the system back in operation within 15 minutes. Motorola and Wells address the issue to create additional redundancy to prevent a re-occurrence. Detailed information will be sent out shortly to explain that expands on what was provided in training about FAILSOFT operations.
- Multi-agency interoperability
Ongoing project with Albany, Saratoga and Schenectady counties is awaiting grant approval by NYSDHSES

Columbia County – A Rensselaer County 800 MHz control station will be installed at the Columbia County 911Center. This will permit Columbia County to patch their VHF system to Rensselaer County’s 800 System. Columbia County is also planning to purchase 800 MHz radios for their FD’s that respond to Rensselaer County, and Rensselaer County is likewise planning on supplying Columbia Co radios to county units that respond to Columbia County.

Washington County – A Rensselaer County 800 MHz control station will be installed at the Washington County 911Center. This will permit Washington County to patch their VHF system to Rensselaer County’s 800 System.

Bennington County - A Rensselaer County 800 MHz control station will be installed at the Bennington FD and Bennington PD. This will permit Bennington County to patch their VHF system to Rensselaer County’s 800 System.

Berkshire County - A Rensselaer County 800 MHz control station will be installed on a Berkshire County tower. This will permit Berkshire County to patch their VHF system to Rensselaer County’s 800 System.

Port of Albany – At meeting with Port Director Richard Hendrick it was agreed that the Port's Albany County 800 MHz radios will be programmed with the Rensselaer County Fleet map including Fire, EMS and Law.

- Web page is done, look ups are recommended. 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 }
- Some departments still need to submit their radio assignments – UID – for their units/apparatus.

3). Other items

First Net Article - A recent article was distributed. It was noted that Verizon Wireless is also offering a Public Safety network

CFOG – Updates are in progress to reflect changes

Box Alarms – The new CAD system will require some updates to current Box Alarms. BPS staff will contact those agencies effected.

Adjournment - Meeting concluded at 20:00

4.) Meeting Schedule

Our next Radio Committee meeting 12/19/18 - Defreestville FD

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Jordan
Co-Chairman, Secretary