Eastside Public Safety

Communications Agency



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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

May 25,2023 Virtual Meeting

1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jeff Magnan, Sheryl Mullen, Lisa Broulette, Dave Beste, Tricia Bellizzi, Andrew Popochock

ALTERNATES:

ABSENT: Darren Timpe, Gary Anderson, Steve Taylor, Dave Van Valkenburg, Dana Schutter

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Hagreen, Kale Fong

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Jeff Magnan, who presided.

1. Roll Call

3. Approve Agenda

Sheryl Mullen motioned to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Lisa Broulette and carried 6-0.

4. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2022

Sheryl Mullen motioned to approve the consent agenda, it was seconded by Lisa Broulette and carried 6-0.

5. Action

a) Elections of Chair and Vice Chair

Sheryl Mullen nominated Jeff Magnan to continue as Chair, it was seconded by Lisa Broulette and carried 6-0.

Jeff Magnan nominated Andrew Popochock as Vice Chair, it was seconded by Sheryl Mullen and carried 6-0.

6. Reports

a) EPSCA – Mark Hagreen

Mark Hagreen reported the network has been stable, averaging 1-2 impairments per month. EPSCA has been incrementally transferring channels to PSERN. We started with 15 voice channels, after June 7th, we will have nine. There is potential for more busies due to this. Be sure to report excessive busies. When all subscriber radios are on PSERN, the decommissioning of our 9 sites will begin. West Tiger will have priority due to the prohibitive seasonal weather access conditions and it is our most expensive lease. Due to the small number of personnel trained and available to decommission sites, decommissioning will last into 2024. When PSERN begins charging subscriber fees, EPSCA will stop charging and rely on reserves until its sunset.

1. PSERN

Mark Hagreen expects EPSCA’s PSERN report will continue until August which is when the transition waves/radio deployments are expected to be complete. Due to a Motorola system upgrade, all radios must be transitioned by August 6th-8th. If this date is missed, rescheduling Motorola will cause PSERN to miss FSA and not be able to charge fees. The DAS/BDA system transition is not going well due to lack of property owner response and the limited number of vendors with trained staff. In-building coverage will be decreased and will lag behind other components of the system transition.

EPSCA subscriber agency deployments will occur in early June at 3 depots: Eastside Fire and Rescue HQ, Redmond Fire Station 17 and Shoreline Fire. This work is being performed by Motorola contractors. If you have “Buy Back radios”, let PSERN know you have them and be sure to have new codeplugs programmed into them so they will operate on the new system. The cost is approximately $300 plus codeplug programming costs.

7. Other Information

Jeff Magnan suggested at our June meeting, the agencies that have undergone the deployment/transition process share their experiences and observations.

8. Executive Session

None

9. Adjourn

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

**Calendared for**

**June 22, 2022**