

RADIO SYSTEM ADVISORY WORKGROUP
C&T Building
1024 S. 9th St., Manitowoc, WI
February 24th, 2020

Attendance: Manitowoc County Board Supervisor - James Falkowski, Two Rivers Fire Chief – Steve Denzien, Manitowoc Fire Assistant Chief – Karl Koch, Manitowoc County Firefighters Association – Mike Koeppel, Manitowoc County Firefighters Association – Nathan Schleis, Two Rivers Police Department – Chief Brian Kohlmeier, Manitowoc Police Department – Assistant Chief Rob Barbier, Manitowoc Sheriff’s Department – Major Larry Ledvina, Manitowoc Sheriff’s Department – Major Jason Orth, Kiel Fire Department EMS Chief – Dick Isely, Kiel Police Department – Captain Joe Jeanty, Manitowoc County Public Works Director – Gerry Neuser, Manitowoc County Communications Engineer – Bill Jones, MABAS President – Bill Manis, Manitowoc JDC Supervisor – Connie Bashaw, Manitowoc County Emergency Services – Kayla Beckerdite, Manitowoc County Emergency Services – Director Travis Waack

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Director Waack at 1:02pm

Public Comment: No one present wished to speak, therefore public comment was closed at 1:04pm.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Chief Kohlmeier and Captain Jeanty to approve the January minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Review & Consideration of System Authorization Requests: Two authorization requests were considered, the first from MABAS Division 128 for access to the MTSO, MTPD, and TRPD encrypted talkgroups. Mike Koeppel made a motion to approve the request, seconded by EMS Chief Isely. Discussion followed. Mike Koeppel mentioned that the Fire Association would support the request due to the MABAS president’s involvement in incident command during larger incidents. Assistant Chief Barbier expressed concern about authorizing a fire department portable on encrypted law enforcement frequencies. Chief Denzien re-iterated the MABAS Presidents critical role during incidents. Assistant Chief Koch expressed that radios with encryption should be available via the Command Post during an incident and Chief Kohlmeier reiterated that there would also be a law enforcement representative in the Unified Command. A vote was conducted with Mike Koeppel and Chief Denzein voting to approve and Assistant Chief Barbier, Captain Jeanty, Assistant Chief Koch, Chief Kohlmeier, and Major Orth voting to reject. The application was rejected. EMS Chief Isley abstained.

A motion was made by Assistant Chief Koch and Chief Kohlmeier to approve the request from Valders Fire & Ambulance for access to the MTSO encrypted talkgroup in Ambulance 7, Ambulance 8, and the VFD Command Vehicle. Discussion followed to limit use of the PA speakers for broadcasting encrypted communications on-scene. The motion was modified accordingly and a vote was conducted and passed unanimously approving the request.

Update on Communications System SOP's and Interoperability: No updates. Departments continue to be encouraged to turn in programming templates.

Update on Communications Unit: No updates

Set Next Meeting Date: The group decided to hold its next meeting in April. A Doodle poll will be sent to pick a date.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mike Koeppel and EMS Chief Isley to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Waack', written in a cursive style.

Travis Waack
Director
Manitowoc County Emergency Services