

TAC Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2022  
Purdy Building Committee Room

Committee Members Present: Sandra Nielsen , Jon Ramirez, Phil Petzold , Nick Sakon, Brian Newcomb, Ted Hull, and Steve Anderson

Guest: Eric Snidersich from MMR

Called to Order: Meeting called to order by Chief Brian Newcomb at 1500 hrs.

Minutes: *Motion by Sakon, supported by Hull to approve the minutes from December 15, 2021.  
Motion Carried*

Additions to the Agenda: *Motion by Hull, supported by Sakon to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried*

Old Business:

→ AVL:

- ◆ MSP/TCSO/Caro Pd are live on AVL
- ◆ ACW Ambulance/Mayville Ambulance/MMR are live on AVL
- ◆ Waiting on Vassar Pd, most of the work is done, Tim Green just needs to configure modems
- ◆ Possibly add DNR-Conservation Officers as well.

→ Fire Department Procedural Change for Traffic Crashes

see attachments #1 or link: [Attachments #1](#)

- ◆ Discussed at the last fire chiefs meeting on January 11, 2022
- ◆ Some additional language changes to help clarify:
  - Any crash in which additional manpower may be needed. Included by not limited to:
    - Vehicles still in the roadway on State Highways and/or primary roads
    - Collisions that occur at major and/or high traffic intersections
    - Collisions during bad weather events, i.e. fog, icy roads, heavy snow.

→ Vehicle Marking for Snow Events

see attachments #2 or link: [Attachments #2](#)

- ◆ Question raised about still marking vehicles with caution tape during snow events
- ◆ Still doing this
- ◆ Need to send out a reminder to everyone (Police & Fire Chiefs) prior to next storm

- ◆ Gagetown Fire posted on Facebook during last snow event as a reminder to the public

→ Emergency Storm Protocol

see attachments #3 or link: [Attachments #3](#)

- ◆ Sakon agreed with policy but wanted to see a change for departments that were not involved in the weather event. (Tornado in Millington was used as an example, which did not affect any of the northern departments.)
- ◆ Departments that had no calls for service wouldn't necessarily monitor the radio. As it would be hard to get someone willing to do that depending on time of day, staffing, etc.
- ◆ The following ideas were discussed:
  - Voice page first call for each department, even under storm protocol
  - Limit the storm protocol to two hour blocks that are re-evaluated every two hours.
  - Page out the department like normal if there is no response under the storm protocol
  - Split the county up either in half or quarters and the affected area is the only area in storm protocol
  - After much discussion the following language change was drafted for the protocol:

*Each department with an active event will designate an incident commander for the storm protocol. Any department called out after the storm protocol activation will be paged out and then they will follow the protocol.*

→ Medical Call Prioritization

see attachments #4 or link: [Attachments #4](#)

- ◆ Snidersich explained the EMD program and the prioritization that is set forth by the caller's response to questions that the call taker asks. [MMR EMD Presentation](#)
- ◆ The answers of these questions determinants the priority that EMS responds
- ◆ Doing this will lower the liability
- ◆ EMS governing laws are different that Law Enforcement [EMS Act 368](#)
- ◆ Additional information presented during lengthy discussion:
  - EMD Cards are no longer available, the company has moved to tablets which are updated automatically via a subscription
  - ProQA (very expensive) is another emergency medical program that is used by Med Comm, which is also interfaced with their CAD (trauma soft)
  - Dr. Wagner set what EMS response should be based on call determinants which are in the link below: [STMCA Dr. Wagner Determinant Index](#)

New Business:

→ New Director

- ◆ Jon Ramirez was selected as the new 911 Director and he started Monday (2/7/22)
- ◆ Sandy will be done after March 31, 2022
- ◆ Jon was asked about future plans
  - 3 current complete consoles, would like to make the fourth station complete by adding a radio.
  - Generator update
  - Would like to look further into the tablets for EMD
  - Upgrade security keys and cameras

Discussion: N/A

Next Meeting: April 13, 2022 in the Committee Room at the Purdy Building

Adjournment: By common consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 1620 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deputy Steven Anderson*