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MINUTES

Operations Committee Meeting
River Forest Village Hall – Community Room
March 20, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Present:

Chief Mike Ventura, Chairman, Elmwood Park Fire Department

Chief Frank Fagiano, Elmwood Park Police Department Chief Greg Weiss, River Forest Police Department Chief Jim Eggert, River Forest Fire Department

WSCDC:

John Ferraro, Executive Director

Amy Kosinsky, Acting Deputy Director Samantha Bardgett, Executive Secretary

Vanessa Underwood, Supervisor

Also

Present: Deputy Chief Ken Klemm, Oak Park Fire Department

Deputy Chief Anthony Ambrose, Oak Park Police Department Deputy Chief Andy Hock, Elmwood Park Police Department Deputy Chief Jim O'Shea, River Forest Police Department

Absent:

Chief Rick Tanksley, Oak Park Police Department

Chief Tom Ebsen, Oak Park Fire Department

Call to Order

Chief Ventura called this meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Approval of January 28, 2014 Minutes

There was a motion made by Chief Fagiano to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2014 Operations Committee meeting, this was seconded by Chief Weiss. The motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Ferraro said that for the next meeting Mrs. Kosinsky will try and get the stats in the packets that go out before the meeting.

Mr. Ferraro said that the Blue Shirt training went well and he has received good feedback, he would like to do this twice a year from now on.

Mr. Ferraro said that the RFP for the UPS went out and is now complete; the new UPS will be installed in May. Mr. Ferraro also stated that the Auditor was chosen and WSCDC decided to go with Sikich and the Audit has already begun.

Chief Eggert came in at 9:41a.m.

Mr. Ferraro said that the Application Process is complete; there were 19 interviews done and there are 12 that are considered hirable and there are 2 openings at WSCDC.

Mr. Ferraro said that the TripComm Meetings/COM-L Class will be hosted here in River Forest in April. He said that Mrs. Kosinsky, himself and two other supervisors are going to be taking the class.

Deputy Chief O'Shea came in at 9:45 a.m.

Radio Update

Mr. Ferraro said that the receiver site at the Title Company on North Ave is not a good site for us any longer so it is being suggested that Chicago Communications move the receiver to the top of Cameo Tower. This will help the radios for all 3 Fire Departments and River Forest and Oak Park Police.

Mr. Ferraro said that the cost will be \$2,890 but this is not budgeted for, he would like a recommendation from the Operations Committee.

Chief Weiss asked about possibly working it in the budget and Mr. Ferraro said that he is working on that, but that it still has to be approved by the Board of Directors. Chief Eggert said to get a written agreement between WSCDC and Cameo Towers to help with getting the approval.

Chief Fagiano said he is having more radio issues in Elmwood Park and its is not only a Net 15 issue, he is asking for an additional antenna in Elmwood Park, possibly on Cameo Tower as well.

There was a discussion about the pros and cons of Elmwood Park and Park Ridge sharing a band, this included how it will work once Park Ridge joins WSCDC.

Chief Weiss brought up the pros of sharing the same band with Oak Park.

There was a motion to recommend using Cameo Tower as the new receiver site made by Chief Fagiano and it was seconded by Chief Eggert, the motion was voted on and it passed.

Park Ridge

There was a motion to recommend Park Ridge joining WSCDC made by River Forest Police Department and it was seconded by Elmwood Park Police Department, the motion was voted on and it passed.

CAD Update

Mr. Ferraro passed out a pricing sheet to all present. Mr. Ferraro then went over all costs for a five (5) year time frame for the three different selections that were on the pricing sheet. There was a discussion on some of the dollar amounts on the sheet for the different options available.

There was a discussion about equipment needed for the different CAD Systems, it was mentioned possible Tough Tablets versus the current Tough Books for the different vehicles. The Tough Books can handle Windows 7 but not Windows 8, many of these new CAD Systems operate off Windows 8; the Tough Tablets can handle both. Mr. Ferraro said that he will find out more information for the next CAD Sub-Committee Meeting.

There was a discussion about being the first to join the system with Cook County and is there a lack of Administrative Rights or are their rights at all? Mr. Ferraro said that he is unsure of the answer to that at this time, but he will ask and get the answers.

Mr. Ferraro stressed that a decision has to be made this year on a new CAD System.

Concealed Carry Information – LEADS

Mrs. Kosinsky asked what information is wanted to be given over the air, do you want to know as soon as a person is run if they come back with a Concealed Carry License. It was decided to only mention it if a person comes back with the License, if there is no Concealed Carry License then no need to bring it up.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. with a motion from Chief Weiss and a second from Deputy Chief Ambrose.

