

COLUMBIANA COUNTY 911
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 4, 2023
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

Those in attendance: Brian Rutledge, Tim Weigle, Jeremiah Cole, Scott Mason, Jenn Swords, Brett Todd, Bill Myers, Keith, Dave Casto, John Lane, JT Panzott, Brian Mckenzie, Rudy Sacchet, Peggy Clark, Jen Tucker

The meeting called to order by Commissioner Weigle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Commissioner Weigle reviewed the 911 Wireline and Wireless funds for the county.

Motion to except 911 finances by J. Cole 2nd by Mason - all in favor

Meeting turned over to 911 Director Brian Rutledge

Minutes distributed from previous meeting via email and available for review. with no additions or corrections- Motion to except minutes by Jeremiah 2nd R.Sacchet- all in favor

As mentioned at the last meeting Columbiana has finalized the merger of dispatching from Leetonia and is now handling all dispatching for them with fire, EMS, and law enforcement. Chief Myers stated that he hasn't had any issues with it so far and it seems to be working out well. Brian mentioned that Columbiana call volume is up roughly 40% over last year and the county is up 11%. Chief Myers stated that calls in general for Columbiana alone are up even without the additional Leetonia ones they receive.

HB445- then became SB50 and now 33. Has been introduced and making its way through the House and Senate. There have been some language changes in the Bill that they are still working on. They lowered the 911 fee on wireless devices from the proposed 70 cents to 64 cents. There's still a chance that it could go back up but will have to wait and see. The Governor included 30 million dollars in the biennium budget to fund the NG911 Core for the statewide project and assist with local connections. Stay tuned for more on SB33 as it makes its way through the channels.

At the February meeting announced that the Sundance servers are needing replaced and that the decision was made to move to a cloud hosted solution. Due to server issues and the concern over our servers failing, we've decided to move sooner rather than later with the migration. As of yesterday (5/3) Salem was moved over to the cloud environment and everything is working well. The remaining PSAP's will be moved over in the next couple weeks as Adam from Sundance will be reaching out to schedule that move. It was also decided that for now anyone that is on the current servers will stay and Sundance will work with everyone to clean up old records once the migration is completed.

Solar Eclipse- We first discussed the Eclipse at the November meeting and talked briefly about it during the February meeting. As a result of the train derailment all meetings that had been planned have been postponed. More to come as we move closer to the Eclipse date of April 2024.

Radio discussion- There has been no new discussion concerning the radio systems in the county. We are still waiting for HB 33 to pass before we can consider any further consolidation discussions.

Brian has been working with CCBDD (Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disability) on creating a database for 911. The CCBDD is developing a form that will be filled out voluntarily by individuals with any form of disability such as sensory, communication, and/or mobility issues. This would be completely voluntary and would remain confidential in the 911 CAD database and be provided only to first responders. There was a very similar database during the pandemic that was used in the same manner. There are still some tweaks being made to make sure everything is legal in the collection process but should be rolled out in the coming months.

WGAF- Brian will be working on both the WGAF and FCC report in the coming weeks to submit to the state. The WGAF report shows where any wireless funding we received from the state was spent.

The annual Support and Compliance report will be due in July. Brian will be sending out the request for information to the PSAP's in early June so that he can have everything ready for the state before the July deadline.

There will be another PST/EMD dispatcher training class starting in June. Brian asked the PSAP chiefs to have any new hires reach out to him so he can put together a schedule for class.

The next meeting is scheduled for Aug 3, 2023 @ 1pm at the EMA office.

Motion to adjourn by J Cole 2nd by B Myers