

911 USERS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**12 November 2009
Otsego County Building
225 W. Main St.
Room 212
Gaylord, MI 49735**

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by OCEMS Director, Jon Deming, at 13:28 hours.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Jon Deming, John Burt, Dave Duffield, Sheriff McBride,
Mike Czykoski, LT Davis, Paul Liss, Ann Vogel, Mike Hyde,
Joe Fitzgerald, Laura Sincock & Mike Thompson

GUESTS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES:

Motion by Dave Duffield Support by Ann Vogel
To approve the agenda as presented for the meeting of 12 November 2009, and the minutes of the 10 September 2009 9-1-1 Users Committee.

Voice vote

Ayes

Nays

All

None

Motion carried

DIRECTORS REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT:

For some obscure reason, the financial report was not prepared in time for the meeting by the 9-1-1 Director. The financials and statistics are to be prepared and sent to the committee with the draft minutes of this meeting, for approval at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

5.a. Amateur Radio

Thompson noted that the amateur radio groups in Otsego County do not work together well in regards to meetings, planning, etc. When an actual incident occurs, or when radio tests and practices are done, the groups work together extremely well. N.M.A.R.E.S., a local amateur radio group headed by Jim Davis, has stepped up on many occasions and worked with the Emergency Manager; a good example of that work is at the EOC at the University Center. Davis also has an excellent rapport with the CCE group in the adjacent counties of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet. If something were to occur affecting our area, that working relationship in the counties would benefit

Otsego County very much. Thompson will continue to work with N.M.A.R.E.S. and Jim Davis as our amateur radio representative.

5.b. CERT

Thompson noted that the local CERT program is functioning extremely well and has stepped up for many local events, including Oktober-Fest, Halloween, the H1N1 clinics, etc. Chief Fitzgerald indicated that he had very good attendance and assistance whenever he has requested the CERT volunteers to assist. Thompson stated that the clinics continue in the county and CERT will be there to assist the Health Department in their efforts to inoculate the citizens. Mike Hyde inquired if there was some way the recognize the group for their contribution. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Thompson will get the necessary information to John Burt so that a proclamation can be drafted by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners for presentation to the CERT membership at an upcoming Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.a. Communications Exercise

Thompson reported that a regional communications exercise was begun on 10 November. This exercise is intended to test and validate the T.I.C. (Tactical Interoperable Communications) plan for the state and region and is a requirement of the grant. The 2nd stage of the exercise will occur on 15 December from 0800 – 1200 hours. At least 6 annexes of the EOC will be opened up and exercised on that date. Paul Liss indicated that he will be at the EOC to represent the Board of Commissioners. Thompson will update the committee and players in the exercise as the date approaches.

Public Comment:

Ann Vogel reported that the MSP Mobile Command Post #2 is staged in Grayling and will be deployed to GARD to be used in training in January. More information will be forthcoming, but this unit will be available to the county for use in a large incident.

Jon Deming also stated that the mobile command posts held at EMS and with the Emergency Manager are always available for use. These assets should be deployed to the scene if it appears to the commander of the incident that there might be extended times on scene, for instance when an incident is going to continue to run in excess of a couple of hours, etc.

Jon reported that the Diocese has requested EMS units on 1 December due to a large gathering of people for the new Bishop installation.

Comment for the Good of the Order:

None presented.

Next meeting dates:

The next meeting of the **Otsego County 9-1-1 – Chiefs Meeting** will be held at 1330 hours on 10 December 2009, in room 212 of the City/County Building, 225 W. Main St.,

Gaylord, MI. The next meeting of the **Otsego County 9-1-1 Users Committee** will be at 1330 hours on 14 January 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1352 hours.