

CUMBERLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES – 2/2/06

AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE	PRESENT
Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department	Hunter, Franklin	
Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department	Hunter, Michael	
Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad	Hale, Kelly	YES
Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad/ Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department	Kelly, Larry	YES
Cartersville Volunteer Rescue Squad/ Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department	Wingo, TL	
Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department	Ingle, Kevin	YES
Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department	Morris, Steve	
Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department	Price, Sam	YES
Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department	Zerkle, Bruce	
Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad	Chambliss, Mark	YES
Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad	Hochstetler, Anthony	
Cumberland Volunteer Rescue Squad	Payne, Rose	YES
Information Technology & E-911	Hickman, Aaron	YES
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Giles, Jerry	
Randolph Volunteer Fire Department	Southall, Delbert	
Randolph Volunteer Fire Department	Spillman, Terry	YES
Randolph Volunteer Fire Department	Trammell, John	YES
Sheriff's Office	Black, Billy	
Sheriff's Office	Ownby, Dennis	YES
Sheriff's Office	Turney, James	YES

The members of the Cumberland County Emergency Services Communications Subcommittee met at the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department at 6:30 on February 1, 2006 for their first meeting. Kevin was nominated, accepted and unanimously voted in as Chairperson.

Aaron Hickman began the meeting with a power point presentation on where we were a year ago, what it took to get us to where we are, and what is proposed for the future. Some comments included:

It will cost \$800,000+ to migrate to UHF

The cost of the T1 lines between the towers will be a recurring cost of \$700/month

The Broadband Initiative utilizing fiber would have a \$100,000 site equipment cost plus fiber but no recurring costs. Grants are available for fiber.

RADIO/PAGERS

All the old radio and pagers need to be turned in to be reprogrammed with new tones. CVVFD has surplus radios that they will contribute to the centralized equipment inventory. RVFD wants to keep one of the radios replaced in a truck for an officer's use. All radios and pagers will be programmed the same to enable interchange between agencies.

The path for reporting communications problems will be as follows:

Provider will report to Agency Representative who will report to Aaron.
All reports should be given to Aaron in writing, either in person or by e-mail.

DISPATCH

Aaron reported that there have been some tests of the cut over for dispatch without any seemingly noticeable changes for agencies. There will be a planned power outage; however, the agencies shouldn't be affected.

Dennis asked if dispatch had a battery back-up which Aaron replied that back-up power is in place.

With the new consoles, dispatch will have several options. Dispatching multi-agency calls will be easier and it may also be possible for them to patch a 911 caller directly to a rescue provider.

The question was raised if the UHF wattage could be decreased on the hand held radios to prevent lock-out problems. This can not be addressed until the repeaters can be obtained.

OBJECTIVES/TASKS

The members of this committee have established the following agency and committee tasks:

- Establish inventory tracking procedures
- Establish replacement policies
- Establish a centralized location for storage and maintenance that is available 24/7
- Establish repair protocols
- Request funding
- Develop an Inventory Identification process
- Each agency is to get an accurate inventory of current equipment