

**WILL COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 11:30 A.M.
ETSB 9-1-1 Administrative Office – Board Room
2561 Division Street, Joliet, IL 60435

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Harold Damron	Chuck Exner	Suzanne Hart	Kim Knutsen
Bill Mort	Nick Palmer	Steve Rauter	Dave Riddle
Candi Thuringer	Brad Veerman		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve minutes from October 9, 2013 as presented.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status Updates – The following current 9-1-1- Administrative Staff Projects will be updated.

1. CAD/Mobile/Records Update to Premiere One – Ongoing provisioning and data collection from the agencies. Revised timeline for cut-over moved to November 4, 2014.
2. M-Core Project Update – The project is on schedule – equipment is being installed and tested.
3. WESCOM – The building remains on schedule. The ETSB equipment has been delivered and is being installed.
4. Motorola “Bundle” Project – Staff is working with Motorola to implement the various parts of the “bundle”.
5. County Radio Project – A vendor to provide consulting services for the project has been selected. The County is in the process of finalizing contract terms.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Steger/Eastcom Consolidation - At the February 5, 2014 Eastcom Board of Directors meeting a unanimous vote was taken to consolidate the Steger PSAP into the operations of Eastcom. This will increase the number of Eastcom agencies from eleven (11) to sixteen (16).

The Steger position on the ETSB will be removed and the Board membership reduced to sixteen (16) members.

The ETSB has established a practice of endorsing consolidation of our PSAPs and agencies. To assist with the added costs of consolidation, the ETSB has offered consolidating agencies a “buy-in” fee.

Some of the past buy-in fees have been for Lincolnway in 2009 for \$50,000 for each of their fire agencies and \$39,000 for the Manhattan Police Department. In 2011, the Braidwood buy-in for Wescom was \$46,154 each for fire and police.

The Eastcom Board of directors is requesting \$55,336.00 for each of the five (5) buy-in agencies for a total of \$278,684.00. These funds will be used to offset the various costs and complications associated with the consolidation. Currently each of the five (5) agencies; Steger Police and Fire, South Chicago Heights Police and Fire, and the Steger Estates Fire Protection District are completing their Intergovernmental Agreements and finalizing other necessary paperwork.

The existing 9-1-1 assets at the Steger PSAP will be used to refurbish or replace existing equipment at the other PSAPs.

The Intergovernmental Agreement between South Chicago Heights and Will County 9-1-1 has been amended to reflect the Eastcom PSAP. A plan modification is being prepared for submittal to the Illinois Commerce Commission and with final approval the cut-over for the Eastcom PSAP will occur on April 1, 2014.

MOTION: To move from Committee to Full Board the approval of the Steger – Eastcom Consolidation and the appropriation of buy-in” fees for each of the five (5) agencies consolidating in the amount of \$55,336.00 each or a total of \$278,684.00.

MOTION: To move from Committee to Full Board the approval of the amended South Chicago Heights – Will County 9-1-1- ETSB Intergovernmental Agreement for the Eastcom PSAP.

B. Legislation/Endorsements – The State Legislators are very busy introducing new bills daily in Springfield. Unfortunately, there seems to be an unusual amount of “special interest” legislation being proposed and issues are not being looked as to their overall impact on other pending legislation or the overall impact the legislation could have on other agencies.

There are several important bills that definitely impact the Will County 9-1-1 ETSB and its funding. Most importantly are HB4230 and SB2674 that are taking funds for 9-1-1 to support the Chicago Poison control Center. On the opposite end SB2599 may finally introduce legislation to prevent 9-1-1 funds from being borrowed or swept before being distributed to the ETSB’s.

Several of these important bills will be heard in committee next week. We will go through each important bill in committee.

HB4230: LOCAL GOVT-POISON CONTROL. LILLY (D) 78th DISTRICT – REFERRED TO RULES ORIGINAL BILL

Synopsis: Removes funds dedicated to 9-1-1 equipment and technology and gives those funds to the Illinois Poison Control Center.

Position: The Will County ETSB should oppose this as written because it takes money from the 73 cents per cellular user per month for 9-1-1 funding that is dedicated to 9-1-1 equipment and technology improvements.

HB4575: IDPH-POISON CENTER – LILLY (D) 78th DISTRICT – REFERRED TO RULES

Synopsis: Appropriates \$1,331,100 (odd number) to IDPH for distribution to Illinois Poison Control as a grant. This is not in lieu of taking funds from 9-1-1 but it is in addition to the “2 cent” initiative.

Position: The Will County ETSB can be neutral on this but do not know enough about it yet. Since it does not divert money from 9-1-1, we can remain neutral or supportive. We are not saying Poison Control Centers do not deserve funding but we are concerned that the funding taken for the Poison Control Center would diminish the mission of 9-1-1. Please note that President Obama just signed legislation that would allocate \$30M for the nations approximately 50 poison control centers.

SB2599: BARICKMAN (R) 53rd DISTRICT – ASSIGNED TO STATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN AFFAIRS

Synopsis: Prohibits funds from being removed from wireless carrier reimbursement fund for anything other purpose than 9-1-1. We are still researching this bill, considering the fund has been borrowed from or swept the last three years straight (\$9M in 2013 alone). Will County ETSB alone lost about \$1.3M. Illinois is one of only four states in the country that allows 9-1-1 funds to be used for purposes other than 9-1-1, and for the last 3 years used to aid in balancing the state’s budget.

Position: The Will County 9-1-1 ETSB should support this bill.

SB2674: LOCAL GOVT-POISON CONTROL. – HARMON (D) 39TH DISTRICT - ASSIGNED TO STATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS –

Synopsis: Same as Lilly’s bill (HB4230) stealing funds from 9-1-1. It is reported Sen. Harmon will hold the bill until 9-1-1 Advisory Board submits its financial study report of 9-1-1. The report is to be submitted in May as required by legislation passed unanimously in the last session. To take the 2 cents now undermines the work of the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee.

Position: The Will County ETSB should oppose this as written because it takes money from the 73 cents of 9-1-1 funding is dedicated to 9-1-1 equipment and technology improvements.

SB2973: WIRELESS SURCHARGE-RETAIN – CULLERTON (D) 23RD DISTRICT - REFERRED TO ASSIGNMENTS.

Synopsis: This appears that it may be the shell bill requested by the State 9-1-1-Associations to address the rewrite of the 9-1-1- Wireless Legislation that failed in the last session.

Position: None until wording is added.

SB 3072: AMENDS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – CUNNINGHAM (D) 18th DISTRICT – REFERRED TO ASSIGNMENTS.

Synopsis: Amends the FOI Act to exempt copying of 9-1-1- recordings with exceptions.

Position: The Will County ETSB should support this bill.

The lobbyist for APCO-NENA, Mr. John Lowder, apparently is drafting “good” language for the 9-1-1 Wireless Surcharge Act but it will need a Sponsor and bill number assigned.

Synopsis: The proposed legislation puts \$0.70 in to the 9-1-1 Wireless Fund, \$.02 to be distributed to Counties under 25,000 population and \$.01 to the ICC for administrative costs.

Position: This appears to be a compromise, although the bill favors 9-1-1 – the wording is somewhat different than that proposed last year. The ETSB could support this bill with additions or clarifications on funding.

MOTION: To move from Committee to Full Board support for the position statements on pending 9-1-1 legislation in the State General Assembly.

C. Will County Chief of Police Association Endorsement – The Will County Chiefs of Police Association has been working on a plan to provide a Police Critical Incident Pre-Alert Program to county-wide Law Enforcement Agencies and PSAP’s. The plan has no extra technology or personnel impacts on the 9-1-1 system and will become a policy of each individual police agency. The Police Chiefs have asked the 9-1-1 ETSB to endorse the program as presented in a show of support.

MOTION: To move from Committee to Full Board an endorsement for the Will County Chief of Police Association Police Critical Incident Pre-Alert Program.

D. Illinois 9-1-1 Advisory Board Update – The Advisory Board has been meeting every other week to establish a program for identifying the true cost of 9-1-1- in Illinois. They are finalizing a worksheet to determine the essential components of an adequate 9-1-1 system. This worksheet could be tied to future funding and budget design to comply with the Annual ICC 9-1-1 Report. The Board is also working on the format of their report to the Legislature in May 2014.

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION IF REQUIRED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

All closed sessions may be held at any time during the meeting. Anyone requiring special accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act is requested to contact the Administrative Offices of the Emergency Telephone System Board at (815) 725-1911 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The next meeting of the Will County 9-1-1 ETSB Long-Range Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 11:30 a.m.