



TOLLAND COUNTY MUTUAL AID FIRE SERVICE INC.

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Radio Committee Report December 6, 2012

Meeting Location: TN Board Room

Attendance:

Wayne Fletcher

Tyler Millix

William Stanek (Consultant)

Jack Fisher

Open Project Status:

Hebron preparation. Bill Stanek reported that the UHF license is at the FCC but does not expect to see anything for a few more months due to the backlog caused by the narrow band requirements. The Low band license will be even longer.

Tactical Communication has submitted the quotation for the new radio equipment for Hebron and is revising the Tower work estimate at this time and will re-submit it shortly.

Bill Stanek recommended additional local Tower Companies to submit to Tactical which may help to reduce some of the estimated costs.

Radio Call Number for Finance Director Jack Turner: The committee reviewed expressed concerns regarding using the HQ number and has made the final decision to stick with the already TN assigned call number of Station 19. As the “ D 19 “ numbers are used to designate Dispatchers we have decided to use Car 19 numbers to reflect TN Management.

Therefore the Board President will be assigned Car 19 and subsequent management Car’s 119, 219 etc. as needed. The feeling is that it may be possible that one of the top Management officers (I.E. President or other Board Member) may not have a local department issued Car number but be required to be in radio contact with TN.

At this time the President will be Car 19, Operations Director Car 119 and Assistant Chief Dispatcher Car 219. Jack Turner was issued Car 319. That leaves the HQ numbers to the County Coordinators group, however, Tyler may wish to remain HQ52 at this time, his decision.

Narrow Band Status: At this time all of TN’s radios should now be narrow banded. Tyler will confirm with Al Koepke that all of the 153.125 Tone and Voice radios have been completed.

Equipment Status: The new replacement low band radios, as well as the 33.78 UHF crossband, has been ordered by Tactical Communications. No estimate of the delivery date has been given.

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Long Term Status of the Box Mountain Tower Site: Bill Stanek has offered a proposal regarding this site which will be presented at the next Board Meeting for further discussion.

UHF Build-out of the 453.275 UHF system: As the FCC has now issued us a new license to expand the 453.275 UHF system Bill Stanek cautioned us that we have one year to put these new sites into use so that the Construction Completion can be filed. Failure to do so could jeopardize our license.

The Committee also discussed the secondary generator backup options for both the Dispatch Center and The Bald Hill Tower site. Our electrician, Jon Andresean attended part of the meeting to discuss our options. Both options of a trailer mounted unit versus fixed units was presented. After much discussion we are leaning to purchasing two permanent mount generators. Jon will send us estimates both ways for our consideration, hopefully by the December Board Meeting but definitely by the January meeting.

Our next regular Radio Committee meeting will be February 7, 2013.

Respectfully:

Jack Fisher Chairman

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