

South Central Users Committee

July 6th, 2016: 6:30pm

North Mankato Fire Station #2

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by User Committee Chair Keith Ruffing
- II. April 2016 meeting minutes reviewed and approved without changes
- III. Owners & Operators – Pat Wallace
 - a. Remind StatusBoard users to manually refresh prior to reserving a talkgroup
 - b. Weather – is it a state policy to patch the NWS talkgroup with an STAC? It seems to defeat the purpose of not allowing the NWS talkgroup in field unit radios.
 - i. Courtland Fire Dept made a request to be notified of weather going through Blue Earth County
- IV. Upgrade Status/ARMER System Issues
 - a. Radio connections have been lost a couple of times – there are no known causes for this to be happening
 - b. No system busies in our area
 - c. The question came up by Madison Lake FD as to why SOAs cannot be locked – this could be hazardous to fire dept members during a fire if their radio is bumped while using FSOAs – this was determined to be a programming issue and not a policy. Since it will be longer than 6 months before the next mandatory radio reprogram Madison Lake FD will look into getting their radios reprogrammed to fix the issue.
- V. RIC updates – Randy Donahue not present – report given by Keith Ruffing
 - a. CTO training is being offered in Dodge County Sept 7-9
 - b. COMX to be held in St Peter Oct 26 & 27 – observers are welcome
 - c. Statewide SC IP review Aug 3rd in Arden Hills – there is a request for a regional representative – let Keith know if you're interested
- VI. Presentations
 - a. Mark Griffith – South Central EMS
 - b. COML overview
 - i. In the process of developing a better unit involving COMLs/COMTs/possibly Dispatch staff trained in incident dispatching
 - ii. COMLs are not there to step on toes
 - iii. COMLs should be contacted before radio traffic gets out of hand
 - iv. There will be a COMX held in St Peter and another to be held up north
 - v. COMLs in our area are Keith Ruffing, Andy Buckmeier and Adam Krueger
- VII. Future Meeting Ideas
 - a. Let Keith know of any ideas
 - b. STR trailer setup
 - c. Table top exercises
- VIII. 7:35pm meeting adjourned

Meeting Minutes submitted by Melanie Nelson, Le Sueur County