

D7 Radio Committee Meeting Oxford Fire Department May 11, 2017

*Meeting called to order at 16:05 hours by Chairman Hamilton
6 members present (Hamilton, DiFronzo, Wilson, Cady, Maynard, Larson)
0 guests present:*

Secretary report: Sent electronically. Motion to accept as amended by Maynard 2nd by Wilson

Treasury report: Radio Committee account is \$9,081.61 plus a \$2,500 donation for computers for Field Com 2

Radio Status:

Southbridge Fire and link – OK
Charlton Tower- OK
Orange System - OK
Radio Tests- Most communities are compliant

Old Business

- Worcester Portables have been completed and delivered. Discussed bank chargers in the Field Comms
- Replacement of Field Com 1. The Chairman gave an update on what transpired since our last meeting. He met with the Central Region Homeland Security Council twice. They were informed that the vehicle will be considered as an interoperability purchase and as such will be required to be P-25 compliant. An inventory of radios that were going in it was submitted. To make the it fully compliant, every radio except one would need replacing. In an attempt to make one radio in each band P-25, two radios were added to the proposal. The Chairman didn't feel the grant would be funded. The two used vehicles that Accelerated Media had are sold now, however they have a couple more that came in. The Chairman was going to Auburn to look at them right after the meeting and invited anyone that was interested to join him. He will report back to the committee what is there.

New Business

- Bob Larson requested 3 VHF antennas for the fire towers. Discussion followed. The committee asked for more details on the application and locations. He will pass the request back to the District 7 Warden.
- Discussion on a Strike Team Drill took place. The committee felt we have had some activations recently and they went well. Mark Cady suggested we do a Tanker Strike Team Drill with the City of Worcester. The Committee felt that was a good idea. The Chairman will put the details together for a June drill.
- The Chairman and Vice-Chairman received calls from the Lowell Deputy Chief regarding the Field Comm deployments. FC60 is housed in Lowell and has had limited activations. One issue is they charge a community when it is sent to them. The only team members come from Lowell, so the personnel costs are the concern. They also discussed Field Comms with Task Force activations.

Motion to adjourn made by DiFronzo, Seconded by Maynard

Adjourned: 17:10

Next Radio Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday July 13th, 2017, 4:00 pm Oxford Fire Headquarters.

Rich Hamilton, Chairman