

**Meeting of the STARCOMM Executive Board
with Technical Committee
January 8, 2020**

STARCOMM Executive Board Members Present

Rocky De Witt, Supervisor, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors
Dave Drew, Sheriff, Woodbury County
Richard Headid, Police Chief, North Sioux City, South Dakota
Ed Mahon, Police Chief, South Sioux City, Nebraska
Rex Mueller, Police Chief, Sioux City
Scott Pack, Police Chief, Sergeant Bluff
Bob Scott, Mayor, Sioux City

Absent

Sara Beatty, Communications Center Director, Union County
Tom Everett, Fire Chief, Sioux City
Chris Kleinberg, Sheriff, Dakota County
Dan Limoges, Sheriff, Union County

STARCOMM Technical Committee Members Present

Gary Brown, Director, Woodbury County Disaster & Emergency Services
Wendi Hess, Communications Center Ops Supervisor, Woodbury County
Terry McElroy, Electronic Engineering
Scott Pack, Police Chief, Sergeant Bluff
Glenn Sedivy, Director, Woodbury County Communications Center

Absent

Mark Aesoph, Fire Marshal, Sioux City Fire Rescue
Doug Bock, Network Manager, WCICC-IT
Tony Carpenter, Calhoun Communications
Stacy Geesaman, Electronic Engineering
Don Groves, Jail, Woodbury County Sheriff's Department
Paul Hansen, Electronic Engineering
Greg Koinzan, Police Officer, South Sioux City Police Department
Eric Larson, Electronic Engineering
Scott Main, Electronic Engineering
John Malloy, Information Services Director, WCICC-IT
John Obermeyer, Communications Technician, Sioux City Police Department
Andrew Pattison, Electronic Engineering
Greg Stallman, Deputy, Woodbury County Sheriff's Department
Eric Wieling, Calhoun Communications

Item 1 Meeting Called to Order

The January 8, 2020 STARComm Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Rex Mueller at 1003 hours.

Item 2 Approve Minutes of October 9, 2019 Meeting

Bob Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting, seconded by Rocky DeWitt. All voting aye, motion carried.

Item 3 Open Items

Revenue/expenditure Report

Sioux City Schools lease was added at \$600 per month.
MedTrans will complete their lease but not renew which was \$450 per month.
Additional lease revenue from AT&T due to amended Homer Tower agreement.

Sioux City, once Governance Amendment had been approved by participating agencies, transitioned from monthly billing to quarterly and is now current.

Tower Rent Increases

Bob Scott inquired about tower rent increases. The lease terms are 5 years with tower rent increasing 10 percent each lease term and opportunity for up to 5 term renewals. Is 10 percent adequate due to the increase in demand for tower space?

ICN Lease

The ICN lease has not yet been renewed. Glenn will follow up.

STARComm Mobile Tires

Should the budget allow, toward the end of the fiscal year Glenn will have tires replaced on STARComm Mobile. Although the unit doesn't see a lot of miles, it is 15 years old.

Governance Agreement Amendment

Glenn reported that the First Amendment to the STARComm Governance Agreement was approved by all agencies. The City Attorney has filed the Amendment with the Attorney General. All agencies have been provided an original approved document.

Tower Site Preventative Maintenance

Motorola completed PM's on all tower sites and all are operational. One issue arose, a little bit of reflective power on the receive antenna at the WIT tower, about 80 feet. Glenn had Calhoun inspect and there was no damage to coax. A grounding kit located on the site is a possibility.

State DOT Interoperability

Rex inquired about STARComm access for State DOT. An encryption key loader was provided to the State as well as the master code and plug from the Sheriff's department and what they currently have in their old radios. Steve Gray, DOT enforcement, was working on radio set up. Steve planned to send Glenn an authorization form granting permission to DOT to have access to STARComm talk groups. Glenn will follow up with Steve.

It was decided the Tom Everett, Board Chairman, could sign the release authorizing individual talk groups on behalf of STARComm user agencies.

State Trooper Interoperability

Considering the recent shooting directed at a State trooper, the need for interoperability is essential. Rex was pleased that personnel used proper radio discipline when the Comm Center patch brought channels together.

The trooper had requested cover on a traffic stop through MACH and had messaged the nearest SCPD car when he discovered he had a wanted party. SCPD does not use MACH as their dispatch due to calls for service from Comm Center; messages are cleared but it is not considered a dispatch mechanism.

Gary asked if the troopers carry the hand-helds provided to them by STARComm. Not being their primary radio, they are carried in the car but apparently not typically out of the car. The portables on their belt should have STARComm channels.

Patching

Glenn mentioned that patching is more seamless now that STARComm is connected to the State system by wireline console rather than a by a mobile radio which caused a delay; today there is not that delay. The quality is good, no echoes; sounds like everyone is on the same channel.

South Sioux City Comm Center Patching

Glenn and Greg Koinzen set up South Sioux City's Comm Center with all the regional State talk groups so the Center can complete their own patching.

HIDA Board

Rex expressed his apologies for prior absences; he serves on the HIDTA Executive Board which primarily funds Task Force operations and tries to split his time between HIDTA and STARComm. Having representation on the Board is important to continue to obtain funding for Task Force positions.

STARComm Relationships

Text to 911

Wendi felt the relationships built by the STARComm system were beneficial during the Text to 911 press conference. South Sioux, Dakota Country, Sioux City and Woodbury County were present and together got the message out. Wendi appreciated that.

South Sioux City Chamber Event

Ed Mahon expressed his gratitude for attendance and support from SCPD and Woodbury County Sheriff's Department for their attendance at a South Sioux City Chamber luncheon.

Item 5 Adjourn

Dave Drew made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rich Headid. All voting aye, motioned carried; meeting adjourned at 1018 hours.