

**SIRCOMM LAW ENFORCEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 7, 2019

1030hrs.

Twin Falls County Training Annex on 6th Ave.

Twin Falls ID 83301

Present:

Sheriff George Oppedyk-Jerome Co Sheriff's Office

Chief Dan Hall-Jerome Police Dept

Hope Lindsey-Director, SIRCOMM

Chief Deputy Don Newman, Twin Falls Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Matthew Eden, Twin Falls Sheriff's Office

Capt. Scott Bishop, Twin Falls Sheriff's Office

1. Meeting called to order at 1030 hours by Chief Dan Hall

2. Approval of Minutes: Quorum Not present at April Meeting: Those present asked to review notes from the April 9th Meeting. No questions or comments.

3. Action Item: Discussion of By-Laws & needed changes: Chief Hall stated that Director Lindsey is working on getting adobe set up on her computer for the distribution of the documents electronically. He stated that it did not appear that many changes would be necessary; however, they are still in the process of going over them.

4. Update on Zuercher CAD System & MDT Training Dates: Director Lindsey shared that the dates for the upcoming Zuercher Training are May 21st, 22nd & 23rd. Chief Newman volunteered County West for the training asking for a list of what would be needed for the classes. Director Lindsey stated that these classes will be offered as a webinar/online training on June 17th at 2pm, the 18th at 9am, the 19th at 2pm and the 20th at 9am.

The group inquired as to the technical employee at Sircomm future support for the radio programming and frequency issues. The Director shared what information she could on the situation, ensuring that a backup plan was in place. It is important for all agencies to get their radio's programmed as soon as possible as the switch over is set for June 1.

The issue of Search & Rescue's use of the Magic Valley Emergency Channel was discussed at great length and what was necessary to continue to use this channel as the page out channel and then move to a different frequency so it would still be available as a medical channel. The group will do research and bring the information to a later meeting as to proper/legal use of channel. Director Lindsey and Chief Newman will look into the definition of proper/legal use of the MV Emergency Channel before the next meeting and get that out to the group in regards to Search & Rescue's ability to use this channel for page out only then request to move to a different command channel. A discussion entailed on upcoming channel/trunking changes taking place in the near future. Mr. Hugi is scheduled to be on sight for the radio frequency changeover.

A short discussion entailed on the ability to move to command channels a procedures to do so. Command Channels will be over the command channels and LE will be over the TAC Channels. Chief Newman stated that a "cheat sheet" would be made available to use until everyone is comfortable with the new frequencies.

5. SIRCOMM Deputy Director Position: Director Lindsey shared that after the recent interviews; two candidates were chosen to move forward. One of the interviews was conducted via video conference line. The Board has requested to do a second to interview with both candidates in person. Background checks have started on both candidates. One candidate is local and one from out of the area. The group requests that a thorough background check be done before the second interviews on May 30th. It was also the feeling of the group that moving to Idaho could be a difficult change and needs to be considered when hiring an outside of the area candidate.

6. SIRCOMM Law Enforcement Protocols Review:

a. SOP's: Chief Hall shared that Chief Deputy Newman, Capt. Taylor, Sgt. Arrington and Capt. Bishop had met to begin the process of updating the By-Laws as many had not been updated since 2004. The group will reconvene within the month.

7. SIRCOMM Updates:

a. Staffing: It was shared that Sircomm was at minimal staffing level. Interviews were held and one candidate has been moved forward and is currently in the background check. The Director noted that the pay difference between the city and Sircomm is a real issue with four more openings to be filled.

b. Valley County Dispatching Services: Director Lindsey shared that Sircomm had been contacted to consider dispatching for Valley County as they cannot fill their dispatch positions and are in the process of closing their dispatch center.

Chief Hall stated that he was uncomfortable with Sircomm taking on more responsibility while struggling with the current staffs' ability to take on more calls and give quality service to current agencies.

The Director stated that she had run the numbers, and in order to handle more calls Sircomm would need to increase staffing by three and that did not seem probable at this time. She stated that she would be advising the Joint Powers Board against these additional duties at this time.

8. Round Table: Chief Newman stated that he was very disappointed in the turn out for this meeting and asked who was needed for a Quorum.

Chief Hall stated that a Quorum is five (5) or more Law Enforcement Officials and there must be one (1) Sheriff and one (1) Chief of Police in attendance.

9. Next Meeting Date: TBD /Two (2) Months

8. Meeting Adjourned:

LE Advisory Chairman

Date