## SIRCOMM JOINT POWERS BOARD

August 22, 2019 Room 2151 Tiger Dr. JCSO Training Jerome, ID 83338

Those in attendance:

Commissioner Jack Johnson, Twin Falls County Commissioner Mark Bolduc, Gooding County Commissioner Rebecca Wood, Lincoln County Dave Benefiel, SIRCOMM Mariann Schiewe, SIRCOMM Susan Tenney, CPA Gabriel Gutierrez, MVP Cameron Dirks, Rock Creek Fire Shaun Gough, Gooding Co. Sheriff's Office Rebecca Simpson, Director Sircomm Jackie Frey, TFC OEM George Oppedyk, Jerome Co. Sheriff's Office James Pennington, Magic Valley Paramedics Chief Dan Hall, Jerome PD Gary Taylor, JCSO Don Newman, Twin Falls Co. Sheriff's Office Payson Reese, Lincoln Co OEM

## Meeting called to order 0905 hrs.

Public Comment: None
 Correspondence: None

3. Current Fiscal Statement/Invoices Presented for Payment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve payment of invoices as presented. Commissioner Wood second, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Action Item: Approval of the Minutes from August 8, 2019:

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from August 8, 2019. Second by Commissioner Wood, all in favor, motion carried.

**5. Law Enforcement Agency Report-Chief Dan Hall:** Chief Hall shared that the LEA Committee had met on August 25<sup>th</sup> to review and update their by-laws as well as to go over cares and concerns at Sircomm. The LEA also supports the hiring of a deputy director to give the Director the support necessary to do an effective job and not create issues due to lack of management and supervision as in the past. It was noted that the staffing levels are a major concern many officers being put on hold creating officer safety issues. The LEA asks the Board to assess the staffing needs and how the current staff is being stressed due to the increase in radio traffic. The adequate number of dispatchers and how to fill the open positions is also of great concern to the Law Enforcement

Advisory Committee. He shared there was a quorum present at the last meeting and he is encouraging all LEA stay engaged in this process.

Commissioner Wood also shared concern with the staffing levels as having experienced being put on hold when calling in as the deputy coroner needing information regarding a call.

It was established that the need for staffing levels to increase is a priority. The Director stated that many job listings have been set up and applications are coming in. The Board shared that the class at CSI should help and possibly offer some incentives to attract candidates from those classes. It was also suggested looking into why the many candidates are not staying and attempt to rectify those situations. Commissioner Johnson thanked the LEA for their involvement and support.

Chief Hall stated that the next LEA meeting will be held September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1000hrs at the Jerome Co. Sheriff's Office Training Room.

**6. Center Report:** Sgt. Benefiel reported that a time line had been sent out/received from all vendors participating on the dispatch floor remodel beginning on August 26<sup>th</sup> through the completion. All systems are a go at this point.

The discussion and use of the Valley Emergency Frequency is still ongoing and the consensus is to go back to using it the way it has always been used. He stated that they have visited many of the tower sites and everything appears to be set for the frequency switch over. CompuNet had been onsite and the firewalls have all been set in place. Everything is moving forward as planned. Mr. Pennington from the MVP was asked to report on his findings regarding the mobile mapping from the Zuercher. He shared the cost, availability and features and will continue to research both GeoComm and Zuercher and have a report at the next meeting.

The Commissioners asked that Intermountain Communications submit a proposal by email before the next meeting for the Board to review and discuss.

The intercom system with the city is near completion and a plan is in place for the furniture being assembled with everyone on site for the build. Tami and Angel will be gone from the  $10^{th}$  to the  $13^{th}$  to a Zuercher conference. They will be sitting down with the Zuercher techs to address issues they have encountered on the CAD including the "Field Ops". If anyone has questions/issues they would like addressed, please email them over.

**7. Center Report:** Director Simpson stated that they are in the process of replacing the current recorder with several demos set up this coming week. It had been budgeted for in this fiscal year. The Director stated that she is in the process of getting the personnel action forms in place with pay increases and back pay paid out. She noted that the dispatchers very much appreciate the corrections. Two applicants have passed the CritiCall testing phase and will be brought in for the observation phase of the hiring process.

The Board asked the Director to reopen the Deputy Director position through sites formerly used for two weeks from the posting date. Chief Hall suggested using the POST website also.

Next Meeting: September 5th, 2019 0900hrs @JCSO Training Room

## **Meeting Adjourned 0949hrs**

Chairman Mark Bolduc
Vice Chair Jack Johnsus

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Director Rebecca Simpson