

ONONDAGA COUNTY INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Joint Steering Committee & Technical Committee Meeting

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2005

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 911 CENTER

ATTENDEES: Jim Albanese, County Executive's Office
Charlie Gabriel, Onondaga County
Henry Vercillo, Onondaga County
Al Kalfass, Onon. EMS Adv.
Bill Bleyle, Manlius P.D.
Dave Johnson, Syr. Fire
Jeff Raub, Nysp
Peter Small, Syr. P.D.
Steve Wisely, 911
Kathy Hanna, Onondaga County
Ed Wright, Onon. Co. Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Edward Healy, 911
Mike Lefebvre, OCSO
Warren Darby, OCSO
Rob Kidder, NYSP

Jim Albanese opened the meeting at 7:12pm by welcoming and thanking everyone for their attendance. He discussed the meeting of the steering group back in November. He stated that the County Executive's Office and the County Legislature are prepared to commence action necessary to develop a new communication system based on interoperability with an infusion of funding through Homeland Security. The priority and driving force of this project is emergency services. Also, non-emergency departments, such as DOT, DPW, WEP, Parks, etc; will be included in this project. He said that the state, city, county, and towns need to develop a needs assessment plan on interoperability. He also stated that at this juncture it would be premature to decide at what level the county would participate in terms of dollars and cents.

Steve Wisely followed by saying that participation in these meetings is very crucial for this project to take off. He discussed when and where the group will meet. He talked about the memo of understanding with the county. He also wanted the "tech people" to take a look at the "800" study to see if it meets the requirements that are necessary.

Charlie Gabriel said that it was imperative that there is a continuity to go ahead with this project. Mr. Gabriel presented the concept of a blank canvas, with paint and brushes and for each to create a conceptual vision of what they would like to see in a radio system. The project plan submitted was to show a very high level (40,000) view of the major tasks. These would be refined as the project moves ahead, but as a first step it was intended to show major milestones. Secondly, a more detailed critical path chart will be developed as we get the project up to speed. He wanted everyone to take look at the "800" study to make sure there were no gaps and if so, to bring them to the next meeting for inclusion into the overall project. In an attempt to assist the team, Mr. Gabriel handed out a SAFECOM emergency scenario, coupled with the SAFECOM requirements and wanted the group to read both and attempt to match up the scenario with their vision of a system. He concluded at 8:21 pm by asking the group to bring back their thoughts and comments back to their respective leaders. As decided by the group the next two meetings will be February 3 and February 17 at 5:00 pm at 911 Center.