

Bill Bleyle asked Dave Stevenson what the importance was of VHF? Dave stated that the frequencies licensed are a mix of VHF & UHF nation-wide interoperable frequency's set aside by the FCC for use between Public Safety / First responders. Also, that others, such as Madison, Cortland and Oswego can also license, and that they are to be operated as carrier squelch, meaning no "private-line" or "channel guard" protection.

Charlie Gabriel said we have channels in contention with Canada, but that we still have about 45 channels. We have our Letters of Agreement with a couple of the Town/Village agencies.

Chick Langone Report: Charlie Gabriel

Chick Langone is working with Onondaga County on frequency issues. He is working with a license coordinator and has completed the engineering analysis. Surveying sites is his task for the month of September. He prepared engineering on five (5) UHF frequencies and is also preparing shelter requirements including pricing.

Charlie Gabriel said he had two conversations with the COPS manager. He put together two new position papers and asked the COPS manager to critique them.

A meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2005 to meet with the Homeland Security Director in Albany. A planned agenda will be discussed. Jim Albanese is working to get the Congressional delegation on board.

Inventory Status: Joe Rinefierd/Al Kalfass

Joe Rinefierd said he has completed 15 fire departments. He believes this is near to impossible to get a complete and accurate inventory of all portables. There are all different makes and types and some don't have a serial number on them any more as they are worn off.

Al Kalfass said he is using the same format as Fire to see what their needs are.

Charlie Gabriel stated that it is essential that every fire department gets inventoried. This inventory is needed. Joe Rinefierd asked, "What is the purpose as none of the equipment will be any good"? Commissioner Wisely said that in order to get money out our Nextel's pot of money the departments have to turn in a portable radio for a portable radio. Dave Stevenson stated that under the re-banding rules, if you don't have a body, no radio. Dave Cowburn agreed that the fire departments need to count their radios, but to identify by serial number may be difficult as the serial numbers are worn off some. Dave Stevenson said if you have to give it a number then do it. Once the project is up under Region 4, we need the numbers. **THIS EFFECTS JUST THE 800 MHZ RADIOS.** (Bush Electronics supply of 800 MHZ Radios). Al Kalfass said that WAVES bought a stash of 800 MHz radios on E-Bay! They are not in use at this time though.

Jim Albanese asked Joe Rinefierd to set a standard (guidelines) with the Fire service on how many portable radios are needed per department in general. The County needs to know up front the number of portables. Mobiles and portables are a big amount of the money on this project plan. Departments can plan over the next couple of years for their budget.

Charlie Gabriel said we are fortunate to get this grant but we are only allocated a certain amount. Anything over and above that amount will have to be purchased by the individual department. Discussion continued on the number of portables needed per department. Dave Stevenson suggested forming a committee to get a platform or starting point. Jim Albanese also added to work with a group to develop a standard. Those departments that need more portables will be addressed on an individual basis. We need a cooperative effort here. Joe Rinefierd will report back to this committee next month.

Web Site Development: Stephen Wisely

The OCICS Web Site is up and running. Lucy Howard is the administrator for adding information on this site. Information Technology also set it up so that the Center gets hits on how many people are looking at this site. Any comments on this site please call Steve Wisely or Lucy Howard at 435-7911. You can find the Steering Committee members on this site including phone numbers for contact.

Commissioner Wisely reported that Emil Vogel was at the Center today to meet on 800 MHz re-banding. We conference called with Mike Bush from Bush Electronics to discuss licenses from the past. We are now doing some “clean-up work”. There is a great deal of work to be done yet on the 800 MHz licensing.

The RFP’s are back on the CAD/MDT/RMS Project. It is determined that the County will probably need another tower in the north.

The Budget process looks good for 2006.

Other Issues/Concerns: Charlie Gabriel

Charlie asked if there were any other issues? Steve Wisely discussed an e-mail that Ed Wright sent to him, as he could not attend the meeting tonight. He speaks of a proposed radio talk plan and that 9-1-1 doesn’t plan on adding any more staff for this radio plan. The Commissioner stated that we did plan on adding more people. If a need is justified it can be addressed further into the planning process. He is cognizant of the fact that there will be more talk groups but we do not have a limited source of employees to put in positions. We plan on managing this ourselves. Sean Sparks added that we have the additional positions at the 9-1-1 Center already and have the ability to call in employees to staff these positions. We use the Communicator to call employees in in certain circumstances. The back-up site will also be available to physically place people there also.

Charlie Gabriel asked if there were any other questions/concerns? None.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2005 @ 1700
hours at the 911 Center.