MEETING MINUTES
Emergency Telephone System Board
Thursday, January 26, 2012
5:30 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Aldermanic Library

Members Present: 9th Ward Alderman Coleen Burrus, David Blatt, M.D., Community Representative, 7th Ward Alderman Jane Grover, Fire Chief Greg Klaiber, Perry Polinski, Communications Coordinator

Members Absent: Police Chief Richard Eddington, Division Fire Chief Tom Janetske

Staff Present: Deputy Police Chief Jeff Jamraz,

Presiding Member: 9th Ward Alderman Jane Grover

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Grover called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of October 7, 2010
It was moved by Dr. Blatt and seconded by Alderman Burrus that the minutes of the September 22, 2011 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (LEGISLATIVE UPDATES)
Verbal, Mr. Polinski:

1. Mission Critical Partners has been hired by INENA (Illinois Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association) and IL APCO (Illinois Chapter of the Associated Public Safety Officials) to write legislation for Next Generation 911 migration and a new PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) funding methodology.

2. The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) announced a Notice of Proposed Rule Making which seeks to accelerate the short and long term development and deployment of NG911. This will enable the public to send emergency communications to PSAPs via text, photo, video and data using primary (those used to initiate the call i.e. text) and secondary (provide additional information i.e. a photo) media types. Much of this initiative is driven by the DOJ (Department of Justice) mandate for equal access (text 911) for those who are unable to make a voice call to 911.

STAFF REPORTS
Verbal report with Power Point presentation, Mr. Polinski:

1. 2011 ICC Annual Filing – Mr. Polinski reports that by January 31st of each year under the Emergency Telephone System Act the City is required to file an annual report to update any information that has changed. This includes the current 911
contact person, Mr. Polinski, the E911 Board members, and the current landline surcharge which is $1.50 per line. With respect to access line count, Mr. Polinski explained that the total number submitted annually by AT&T now includes VoIP, wireless, and competitive local exchange carriers as well as traditional “copper” lines. Mr. Polinski reviewed the 911 Network diagrams which is updated every year by AT&T and includes: the total number of wireline and wireless trunks and the primary, secondary, and back-up PSAPs. Renewing “Call Handling Agreements,” which outline how misdirected 911 calls from adjoining jurisdictions are routed and responded to, is also part of the Annual Filing.

2. Bi-annual Wireless Survey Update – Mr. Polinski presented information that twice each year the City responds to a survey from the State of Illinois on wireless traffic to help them track the status of wireless 911 communications throughout the State which includes: the total number of Wireless Service Providers operating in our area and the average monthly wireless surcharge revenue. No new carriers have entered our market since Cricket in 2009.

3. 2011 9-1-1 Call Statistics – Total 2011 911 call activity, both landline and wireless, was 51,969 (almost 60% of which were initiated by cell phones). This represents an increase of approximately 1500 calls over last year's total. 101,250 calls were received in total (including non-emergency administrative lines) which represents an increase of approximately 900 calls over last year. With respect to the wireless call graph and trending, Mr. Polinski points out that the total call volume has been stable over the past several years while emerging, more affordable, technologies continue to replace landlines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Verbal, Mr. Polinski:

1. E911 Phone System Virtual Consolidation project update – Mr. Polinski reported that the ICC (Illinois Commerce Commission) had no regulatory or legal issues and approved the proposal on November 30, 2011. Work may now begin with the Law Department on formulating draft agreements with Northwestern University and the Village of Wilmette.

2. EMfinder training status – Mr. Polinski reported that telecommunicator training was completed during the last week of December. Additionally, he pointed out those similar solutions for locating disabled missing persons such as Care Trak, which uses telemetry (radio) tracking and GPS Smart Shoe, which sends caretakers a text and allows them to track the whereabouts on a digital map, are not sanctioned by law to access the 911 system.

3. New Fire Station tone alert system – D/C Janetske reported that the committee has gone on a couple of site visits to assist with formulating specifications.

NEW BUSINESS

Verbal, Mr. Polinski:

1. Mr. Polinski announces Dr. Blatt’s reappointment by Mayor Tisdahl to a second term as citizen member of the Board and thanked him for his service.
COMMUNICATIONS
Verbal, Mr. Polinski:

1. Mr. Polinski reviewed the recently released “3rd Annual Report to Congress on State Collection and Distribution of 911 and Enhanced 911 Fees and Charges.”
   - In response to the FCC Report on 911 Fund Diversion, NENA, APCO, and the CTIA (Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association) all released statements condemning misappropriation of funds.
   - Illinois was one of seven states that divert money from 911 fees on wireless phones away from PSAPs.
   - As part of the report, the FCC is seeking public comment as to whether it should recommend to Congress that the distribution and collection of the fees be changed.

2. Prepaid wireless – MetroPCS, with its lower priced family plan promotion ($100 for four lines), and Leap (which sells service under Cricket Wireless), with its Muve Music service, have increased sales as budget-conscious customers eschew service contracts and look to prepaid providers. Mr. Polinski reminded members that SB2063, which provides for a 1.5% prepaid wireless 911 surcharge on all retail transactions, just went into effect on January 1st.

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Polinski moved and Dr. Blatt seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry J. Polinski
Communications Coordinator, Police Department