MEETING MINUTES
Emergency Telephone System Board
Thursday, May 26, 2011
5:30 P.M.
Police Department, 1454 Elmwood Ave., Chief Eddington’s Office

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

Members Absent: Police Chief Richard Eddington

Staff Present: Deputy Police Chief Jeff Jamraz

Presiding Member: 7th Ward Alderman Jane Grover

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Grover called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of January 27, 2011
It was moved by Alderman Grover and seconded by Alderman Burrus that the minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

STAFF REPORTS
Verbal updates, Mr. Polinski:

1. 83 Illinois Admin. Code Part 725 rewrite – Mr. Polinski reviewed the goal of the “Standards Applicable to 9-1-1 Emergency Systems” rewrite which is to update technical standards and rules applying to 9-1-1 Systems particularly in lieu of the anticipated changes that Next Generation 9-1-1 will bring. He went on to report that the “red-line” draft is currently being reviewed by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for final edits at which time another workshop will be scheduled.

2. ICC 911 Program Study – Mr. Polinski explained that the ICC is statutorily required (under the Wireless Emergency Telephone System Act) to conduct the study and that the purpose is to explore the technical and financial needs of the wireless 9-1-1 systems as well as assist the legislature in understanding operating costs and the funding method with respect to the Act’s sunset provision. Mr. Polinski further reported that the study analyzed surcharge collected and operating costs over a 5-year period sampling urban, suburban, and rural areas as well as sought to determine the phase of wireless service being provided. The final report is due to the General Assembly by August 21, 2011.
3. Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) Narrowbanding Grant – Mr. Polinski reiterated the Federal Communications Commission requirement that all equipment operating in Evanston’s public safety radio frequency range be converted from 25KHz to 12.5 KHz by January 1, 2013 which, for the most part, can be achieved with newer infrastructure through programming. To that end, there was funding available through ITTF, a grant was applied for, and $12,000 was awarded to replace a legacy base station radio.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Verbal, Mr. Polinski:

1. HB3296 - Amends the Wireless Emergency Telephone System Act (WETSA) – Mr. Polinski reported that this bill extends or eliminates the WETSA sunset date (April 1, 2013) and still lingers in the House Rules Committee (the above mentioned “ICC 911 Program Study” is tied to this legislation).

2. SB1321 - Amends the Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) Act (which requires us to maintain a database of special needs individuals) to include oxygen cylinders – Mr. Polinski reported that this bill is still alive.

3. SB2063 – Creates the Prepaid Wireless 9-1-1 Surcharge Act – Mr. Polinski reported that this bill provides for a 1.5% surcharge on all prepaid retail transactions, which make up approx. 25% of all wireless phones in use, and will be redistributed back to 9-1-1 Systems (similarly as under WETSA) by the ICC. Mr. Polinski went on to report that this bill passed out of the House today by a vote of 117-0, now goes to the Governor’s desk, and that support from both Representatives Biss and Gabel was requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Burrus moved and Alderman Grover seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 5:40 P.M. The Board then relocated from Chief Eddington’s office across the hall to the 9-1-1 Communications Center for a tour of the new facility and upgrades which concluded at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry J. Polinski
Communications Coordinator, Police Department