MEETING MINUTES
Emergency Telephone System Board
Thursday, January 27, 2011
5:30 P.M.
Police Department, 1454 Elmwood Ave., Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present: 9th Ward Alderman Coleen Burrus, David Blatt, M.D., Community Representative, 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, Curt Kuempel, Assistant Communications Coordinator

Presiding Member: 9th Ward Alderman Coleen Burrus

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of October 7, 2010
It was moved by Alderman Grover and seconded by Chief Klaiber that the minutes of the October 7, 2010 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS
New Support Services Division Deputy Police Chief Jeff Jamraz was introduced.

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

1. 2010 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 Agreement,” which outlines 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 to include: the total number of Wireless Service Providers operating in our area and the average monthly wireless surcharge revenue.
3. 2010 9-1-1 Call Statistics – Total 2010 911 call activity, both landline and wireless, was 50,412 which represents a continuing decline over the past several years (almost 60% of the total initiated by cell phones). 100,400 calls were received in total (including non-emergency administrative lines). With respect to the wireless call graph and trending, Mr. Polinski points out that the jump from 23,600 in 2005, to a total of 30,100 in 2008, is in line with the subscriber ship numbers publicized by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association which increased from 208M in 2005, to 270M in 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Polinski verbally reviewed the 911 Center upgrades (furniture, radio console, E911 telephone system and HVAC replacement as well as painting and recarpeting) which preparations are currently underway for and gave a status update.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative updates:

1. SB120 (which closes the loopholes in current legislation resulting in collection of surcharge from prepaid wireless users) update, still no movement – running into resistance from retailers regarding the method of collection.

2. PA96-0927 was passed last Fall and requires VoIP providers to register with the ICC (by October 1, 2010) and collect/remit 9-1-1 surcharge at the $1.50 wireline rate (retroactive to January 1, 2011).


ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Grover moved and Mr. Blatt seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry J. Polinski
Communications Coordinator, Police Department