

## E-911 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2011

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### I. Call to order

Chief Greg Long called to order the regular meeting of the E-911 Steering at 2:10 PM January 26, 2011 at the County Annex, EOC.

### II. Roll call

Carl Smith, Greg Long, James Barnwell, Wade Simmons, Dave Grotyohann, Teri Best, Cathy Plaster, Gill Ballard, Joy Gellatly, Tim Genest, Zach Shuman, Barb Grotyohann

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

### IV. Old Business

- a) Signature on E-911 Resolution
  - Has been signed and a copy forwarded for file. However, due to Chatham County EMS new contract being awarded to Southside Fire EMS, a revision has been done and will be forwarded to the City of Savannah for Mayor's signature.
- b) Generation of Monthly Statistics from the 911 Center:
  - 1. Total Calls for Service for all three disciplines
  - 2. Total Dispatches for all three disciplines
  - 3. Total Phone Calls taken for all three disciplines
- c) Establishment of a Legislation Committee chaired by Chief Lyons, Garden City PD
  - Report given by Major Ballard: No new legislation
- d) Establishment of NIMs Committee chaired by Clayton Scott, CEMA Director
  - No Report
- e) Website Development
  - Dustin has updated logo and created website. Meeting minutes are now on website along with Agency Stats.
  - Major Barnwell will meet with Chief Lovett regarding Public Notice Announcement in support of "The Purpose of the 911 Center"

### V. New Business

Open positions in Communications

- Communications has requested 10 additional positions for Call Takers.

Dave Grotyohann, COS EM and Clayton Scott, CEMA have requested a subcommittee be created to discuss use and end users of Global Connect. **Dustin Hertz** will chair the committee and request participation from other Chatham County Police and Fire Agencies.

Update SS Fire/EMS and MedStar: Effective 2-1-11, Communications staff has met with SSFire and established procedures and protocol. Change will take place on day shift Feb. 1, 2011 and no interruption is anticipated.

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Sav. Fire discontinued using VHF and has been switched to 800MHZ effect 1-26-11.

**Upgrade for Tiburon and Positron:** Major Barnwell reports 4 to 6 month schedule both upgrades to be at same time. Additional funding for positron has been approved by City Council and Communications is moving forward.

Fire Chiefs would like a look see of the new Tiburon. **Major Barnwell to follow-up.**

**911 Backup:** Command and Control Center at the Civic Center. Construction RFP currently out for bid. Responses due Feb 1, 2011. Bids to be opened on Feb. 8, 2011 and will then be awarded after approval by from City Council. Construction should begin in March 2011 with substantial completion in May. Total project completion July 2011. Total project includes Command Operations Area and the 911 Backup Center.

Major James Barnwell and Captain Larry Branson have been moved to the Annex to take lead of the Communications and the ongoing projects and upgrades. Below, please find their contact information. Please contact either of them with any concerns, issues or complaints. There will be upcoming staffing changes coming to the Communications, however, the Major and Captain will remain at the Communications Center.

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### **Issues and Concerns**

Fire Chiefs have experienced failure to assign tack channels from dispatch. **Cathy Plaster to followup.**

Fire Chief have question as to why there are 2 separate Fire Channels. **Chatham County Fire Chief's Association will take lead on this question.**

Minutes submitted by: Barb Grotyohann, SCMPD

Minutes approved by: Greg Long, Chief