



DU PAGE COUNTY

ETSB - Policy Advisory Committee

Final Summary

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8:15 AM

Room 3500A

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1. CALL TO ORDER

8:15 AM meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Johl at 8:15 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendees:

Matt Theusch, DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board

Eve Kraus, DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board

Scott Bukovic, Westmont PD

Eric Burmeister, ACDC

Nick Kottmeyer, County Board

Erik Maplethorpe, DU-COMM

John Nebl, OHSEM

John Sullivan, Addison Fire

Jim Connolly, Village of Addison (Remote)

Jim McGreal, Downers Grove PD (Remote)

Bob Murr, College of DuPage (Remote)

Bill Srejma, ACDC (Remote)

On roll call, Members Johl, Benjamin, Hermes, Rivas, and Selvik were present, which constituted a quorum.

PRESENT	Johl, Benjamin, Hermes, Rivas, and Selvik
ABSENT	Dina

3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - VICE CHAIR JOHL

There were no remarks from Vice Chair Johl.

4. MEMBERS' REMARKS

There were no Members' remarks.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

6.A. [24-1168](#)

ETSB PAC Minutes - Regular Meeting - Monday, March 4, 2024

On voice vote, all Members voted "Aye", motion carried.

Attachments: [2024-03-04 ETSB Minutes Summary.pdf](#)

RESULT: ETSB RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

MOVER: Michael Rivas

SECONDER: Roy Selvik

6.B. [24-1062](#)

DEDIR System March Maintainer Report

On voice vote, all Members voted "Aye", motion carried.

Attachments: [April 2024 Motorola System Manager Report.pdf](#)

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

MOVER: Sherianne Hermes

SECONDER: Tyler Benjamin

7. DEDIR SYSTEM PORTABLES AND MOBILES

7.A. DEDIR System Talk Group Access

Deputy Director Theusch referenced the memorandum that was distributed to the Members. He said the previous PAC membership had talked about providing access to the adjacent agencies. Mr. Theusch said that as the plan for encryption is being finalized, the memorandum is coming before the PAC for additional discussion. He reviewed the recommendations from the memorandum:

1. Following the policy, agencies granted access on DEDIR System prior to 2023 should be granted access to InterOp1-8 (9). They may reapply for additional talk groups with justification. ETSB has been working with several agencies for access renewal and can provide their applications based on the policy.
2. If the PAC wants to expand access, DU STWD and DU COWD talk groups could also be considered as additional talk groups to the standard InterOps 1-8 (9). Mr. Theusch said the talk groups being utilized for saturation patrols on a day to day basis should also be considered.
3. Outside agencies that participate in MERIT and other specialized activities will not have to reapply so long as they have continued participation.
4. ETSB Staff will update the application form to reflect AES encryption, MERIT participation, and any other recommendations from PAC.

Mr. Theusch asked if there were any specific questions in regard to the memorandum, to which

there were none.

Mr. Benjamin said he thought the DuPage Statewide and DuPage Countywide should be included in the standard package as DU-COMM is frequently switching agencies to those talk groups for large incidents and he believed they would be beneficial. The other Members concurred.

7.B. Police

7.B.1. Encryption Update

Member Rivas said there was a joint meeting scheduled with ACDC and DU-COMM on April 4 to discuss what encryption looks like at the console level. He said equipment may be on the way for both PSAPs. Mr. Theusch added that ETSB had a preliminary meeting with Motorola to set timelines for the equipment for the new consoles.

7.B.2. HB4339 Update

Member Rivas said that as of last night it still showed in Executive Committee and is status quo, there has been no update online.

7.C. Fire

Vice Chair Johl said he has no update from the Fire Focus Group regarding the radios.

7.C.1. NFPA Update

Mr. Theusch asked Mr. Sullivan if he had anything to report. Mr. Sullivan said the official members of the committee would be voted in in April, but that progress has been made with the committee. Mr. Theusch added that ETSB met with Motorola while Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Connolly were present at the NFPA meeting in Florida. Mr. Theusch said that Motorola is working through the recommendations from the committee meeting to provide a timeline.

8. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED

8.A. [ETS-R-0026-24](#)

Resolution to approve access to the DuPage Emergency Dispatch Interoperable Radio System talk groups pursuant to Policy 911-005.2: Access to the DuPage Emergency Dispatch Interoperable Radio System (DEDIR System), as requested by the Northlake Police Department.

A motion was made by Member Benjamin, seconded by Member Rivas. Vice Chair Johl said that if the request is approved today, it would be pending the 14-day notification to the agencies which will end on April 9. Mr. Theusch referred back to the adjacent agency access discussion earlier in the meeting regarding access to InterOps 1-8 (9). Mr. Benjamin said Northlake PD had requested specific talk groups, as well, Bensenville and Elmhurst. Vice Chair Johl said that would be part of the approval, whether Northlake would be approved for the additional talk groups. Mr. Theusch said access would be the designated InterOps 1-8 (9) as there is no specific justification for the additional talk groups. Mr. Benjamin said the PAC was provided a letter of sponsorship from Elmhurst and is it easier to approve them now or wait for a letter from Bensenville. Mr. Theusch said that would be at the discretion of the PAC. A short discussion ensued. A motion was made by Member Rivas, seconded by Member Benjamin to amend and approve the request pending a letter of sponsorship from Bensenville PD. On voice vote, all

Members voted "Aye", motion carried.

Attachments: [DEDIR System Access Request - Northlake PD Redacted.pdf](#)
[Sponsor Letter - Elmhurst PD Redacted](#)

RESULT:	ETSB RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
MOVER:	Michael Rivas
SECONDER:	Tyler Benjamin

9. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Theusch referenced a DEDIR System Memorandum distributed at the meeting dated October 3, 2022 in which the PAC provided recommendations for radio replacement and deployment plan to the ETS Board. Mr. Theusch said there had been a request from a couple village managers to provide an update of deployment of encryption in the radios. Mr. Theusch said there needed to be updates in terms of where we are within the phases provided. Phase I is complete; the radios are out with the third touch template. He said Phase II included the new Ops and Tactical talk groups. Mr. Theusch said some of the plan was dependent upon deployment of the new Fire radios and that there would be updates made based on where we are now. He said the update would be provided to the PAC for review. He asked for any insight or comments from the Members who are involved in the processes.

Member Rivas said, for discussion, in the Police Focus Group they have been deciding on encryption would be the main band, the backup (local) channel, and four (4) of the InterOp channels, and that once they are out there, he believed it would take care of 80% of any issues with encryption. He said ancillary channels need to be figured out as it is a complicated puzzle.

Mr. Benjamin said that DU-COMM is opposed to the renaming of the fire channels and he understood that had been approved as part of the recommendation but if the PAC is revisiting the memorandum, then it would be a topic of discussion on DU-COMM's side. Member Rivas asked if moving forward Member Benjamin would be opposed to any naming changes on the police side, as well. Member Benjamin recalled that he believed the police naming conventions were remaining similar to what they currently are. Member Rivas answered that he believed it was still up for discussion. Member Benjamin said DU-COMM does not see the value in renaming the channels, generally, and if police are still on the table, DU-COMM does not see the purpose of that. He said he is open to hearing the purpose, but that DU-COMM does not see it. Member Rivas said it came down to standardization between the ACDC naming of 1 through 4 and the geographical naming on the DU-COMM side. Member Rivas said with equipment coming for both PSAPs, he thought it the ideal time to get the changes seriously addressed and/or approved if recommended by the PAC. Member Benjamin said maybe they could talk more and he could get more background. Mr. Theusch said it was also to line up the Ops with the principle talk groups and provided an example. Vice Chair Johl added that upon expansion or breaking off of channels, the movement of agencies would not be geographically located within the name, it would be by number, that it is very simple. Member Rivas said an S or Z like pattern through the County kind of following the geographical locations is one of the thoughts

that surround it. Member Benjamin said he would want to look at it more and talk more directly with people, that the idea of expanding or contracting, he understands the point but the value of a naming convention in that case would depend on where that expanding or contracting was taking place, that it may make sense or not. He said the PAC does not need to take a lot of time on this and that he could talk to the Chiefs more separately in compliance with the Open Meetings Act to obtain more information. Mr. Theusch said this is under Old Business but that the naming conventions have already been decided and part of the plan going forward so the recommendation would be updated based on where we are within the phases, not adjudicating whether the changes are warranted. He said it is at the discretion of the PAC to make changes but that this had already been decided. Member Benjamin said it was decided as a portion of this policy that the PAC is now revisiting. Mr. Theusch said it was being updated to provide the current status of where we are within the phases and provided an example of Phase I, that it has been completed. Mr. Theusch said the plan would be looked at to see if there is anything we know today that was not known then and needs to be adjusted but that the bigger picture path is not changing; it has already been voted on. Member Rivas said part of the discussion was that when the new equipment arrives that it would be the best time to begin renaming those talk groups as part of the integration with the hardware and software, and that training for both PSAPs would need to fall prior to that time. Member Rivas asked Mr. Theusch if the village managers' questions were regarding encryption, Mr. Theusch answered yes, Member Rivas continued saying they are trying to move that along as quickly as possible. Member Hermes said the PAC had also decided that historically, for this document, it was in the format of a phased plan and that in Phase II the PD Ops and FD Ops are established and the change would fall within the final phase. She said it is a tiered process so not a slam to all of them; that ACDC is in the same position of having to do training, as well. Member Rivas added that his (Member Benjamin's) predecessor had asked that naming convention changes be one of the last items to be addressed. Member Rivas said encryption needs to be moved along, but that former Member Baarman had asked that the name changes be one of the last items, Member Hermes added the word "gradual", within the plan.

Vice Chair Johl asked if there was any further discussion, to which there was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.A. Next Meeting: Monday, May 6 at 8:15am in Room 3-500A

Member Rivas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37am, seconded by Member Selvik. On voice vote, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Kraus