

**Communications Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
06.12.07**

Members in attendance:

- **Chad Homme – Salida Fire District**
- **Dale Skiles – Salida Fire District**
- **Steve Hall – Patterson/West Stanislaus Fire District**
- **Gary Skiles – Salida Fire District**
- **Lisa Byrne – SR911**
- **Mike Kraus – Modesto Fire Department**
- **Ray Jackson – Fire Warden’s Office**
- **Kevin Wise – Oakdale City Fire Department**
- **Steve Mayotte – Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District**

I. Discussed the Countywide Apparatus Numbering Document

- a. **County Fire Chiefs Association has adopted. Will be implemented July 1st thru July 15th for Modesto City Fire.**
- b. **Discussion as to who will contact agencies to notify that change is coming.**
- c. **At SR-911, Lisa Byrne will coordinate training and signing off personnel on the new numbering system.**

II. Discussed Fire Frequency Sharing

- a. **Suggestion has been made to discuss the costs of Fire Frequency Sharing in OTAC. What are costs to individual agencies, etc.**
- b. **On the tentative programming list for radios, it has been suggested to move White 2 to #13, White 3 to #14, Calcord to #15 and Inter-Op to #16.**
- c. **At SR-911, it will take five more people to staff. This is one more position, 24x7 coverage).**

- d. Suggestion has been made to ensure SR-911 is aware of staffing requirements. We will continue to raise this in OTAC and get this on the agenda.**
- e. Concerns were expressed that calls may be delayed to to stacking up on one dispatch channel.**
- f. Concerns were also expressed for stacking up long lists of tones that can delay dispatches. There is effort by agencies to shorten the dispatch tones.**
- g. Suggestion has been made to discuss the potential delays with one dispatch channel with other agencies.**
- h. Frequency use agreements will need to be coordinated with the agencies that will have frequencies that will be used as part of Fire Frequency Sharing.**
- i. Discussion over channel 1 and channel 16 being programmed the same on portable radios. It was indicated that the proposed plan is only a suggestion, and agencies can change the programming as they see fit for their agencies.**

III. Discuss the Master Frequency List

- a. Suggestion has been made to add Oak Valley Hospital to the list. Will coordinate with Oakdale City to get these frequencies added to the list.**

- b. Agencies are advised to verify this programming list.
Some of the State and Federal agencies receive and transmit frequencies had been reversed.**
- c. The State's TravelNet frequency is no longer in use. It has been replaced by CESRS. Please ensure that agencies are aware of this change.**
- d. Suggestion was made to post Master Frequency List online on web site. Further research has determined it must be stored securely, so cannot be posted on the public web site.**
- e. Although every effort has been made to ensure this list is as accurate as possible, there will be periodic updates.**

IV. Countywide Radio Maintenance Contract

Question and answer period. No notes.

V. Countywide Communications Coverage Study

- a. Discussed county proposal.**
- b. Gave Power Point Presentation.**
- c. Question and answer period. No notes.**

VI. Discussed the Interoperability/Replacement Project

- a. Gave updated on Fire ACT grant.**
- b. No new status to report.**

VII. CAD System Update

- a. Discussed contract, still in negotiation stages.**

b. Explained Fire to RMS interfaces (Bio-Key and Firehouse).

VIII. Discussed the Communications Survey Report.

a. Discussed the findings.

b. No questions, nothing further.

IX. Discussed Future Meeting Topics.

**It was determined that Communications Advisory Committee
will be the working group for Fire Frequency Sharing.**