

Cayuga County Policy & Review Oversight Committee (PROC)

Denise A. Spingler, Chairperson, 7445 County House Road, Auburn, NY 13021

A meeting of the PROC was held on October 25, 2022

Ben Guzalak opened the meeting at 10:02 am.

PRESENT:

1. Denise Spingler, 911- virtual
2. Ben Guzalak, 911
3. Jason Green, EMO
4. Riley Shurtleff, EMO
5. Harry Sherman, EMO
6. Angelo Messina, CCAES
7. Jeremy Vevone, CCAES
8. Chief Slayton, APD
9. Deputy Chief Anthony, APD
10. Sgt. Miszuk, NYSP
11. Larry Dygert, Fire Advisory
12. Chief Fritz, AFD
13. Mark Strong, CC Legislature
14. Bob Shea, CC Legislature

Old Business:

Discussion Regarding Consistency in Identifiers

Dygert, Messina, and the EMO office have been making progress on this topic and are looking to set up a meeting with 911 soon to discuss it.

New Business:

Ambulance CONs

Guzalak and Spingler discussed CONs (Certificates of Need) as they relate to county ambulances. Spingler advised that per the state, if an ambulance has a CON for a district, the ambulance needs to appear somewhere on the response plan. She also reiterated that for an ambulance to be considered in service ALS, it needed to be called into dispatch.

Law Requests for Ambulance Only

Guzalak raised the topic of Law Enforcement in the county asking for ambulances only for mental health transport. The consensus was to continue the practice of starting the entire response plan for these incidents, and the fire department can make the decision whether or not to respond.

Question Regarding Onondaga County Transfer

Dygert followed up on a incident involving a phone transfer with Onondaga County. Spingler confirmed that the call had been transferred properly.

Search and Rescue Box

Dygert asked about the possibility of creating a Search and Rescue Box (ex: Box 13) in CAD. Guzalak stated it was something that could be looked into.

Radio Issues

Shurtleff discussed radio concerns that had been raised at the Battalion 5 and 6 meeting related to analog paging. Strong said that responders from the southern part of the county approach him often looking for answers. The departments are considering an operational grant to buy new radios, but want to ensure it will be money worth spending. It was asked whether more towers might help. Spingler stated that it would be several years before that would be an implemented option and the cost would be high.

Vevone, Shurtleff, Green, and Spingler all agreed that replacing the portables is a worthwhile expense.

Messina asked that more info be posted on the website regarding projects and maintenance that 911 does on the system so that responders may be directed there. Guzalak confirmed that PROC meeting minutes are posted to the site and Spingler said that other information can potentially be added if helpful.

Recent Paging Issue

Spingler provided information about what led to the paging issue the weekend of 10/15-10/16. It was a channel bank issue that was resolved by Motorola.

Improper TAC Channel Usage

Vevone talked about a department using TAC 8 to conduct a hayride. All agreed that this was not an appropriate purpose to use the channel and that a talk around group should've been utilized instead. Spingler stated she will reach out to the department.

Motion to adjourn at 11:16 by Messina, seconded by Green.

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 17 at 10AM.