



**FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OF  
BROWARD COUNTY**  
*Mutual Aid & Communications Committee*

**October 21, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

<b>X</b>	<b>Broward Health</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Margate</b>
	<b>Broward Emergency Mgmt.</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Miramar</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Broward Sheriff's Office Fire</b>		<b>North Lauderdale</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>BSO Communications</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Oakland Park</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Coral Springs FD</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Pembroke Pines</b>
	<b>Davie</b>		<b>Plantation FD</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Fort Lauderdale</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Pompano Beach</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Hollywood</b>		<b>Sunrise</b>
	<b>Lighthouse Point</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Tamarac</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Lauderhill</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Seminole Tribe</b>
	<b>Lauderdale By The Sea</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Broward County OCT</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Coral Springs Communications</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>South Florida REST</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Plantation Communications</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Environmental &amp; Consumer Protection Div.</b>

- **Welcome/ Introduction of Members and Guests:**  
**Presentations:**
- **Approval of last meeting minutes:** Previous month minutes approved
  
- **Old Business:**
- **Regional Communications Update (OCRT):** (Provided by B. Bayag via E-mail)
  - **P25 System-**All the testing for the new p25 radio system is complete and system is ready. Preparations continue to migrate the law and fire and other public safety radio system users to the new system. Currently meeting with Motorola and individual law and fire agencies that have not yet programmed their radios. Initial plans to begin the migration of users onto the new system in September was postponed as work continues on the completion of subscriber programming; a revised start date is to be determined, however it is still anticipated to be completed in Q4 2020.
    - Agency radio programming must be complete before we can cut over
  - **Closest unit response program-** Phase 1 started in March - been in operation >6 mos. Looking forward to the program moving forward into the subsequent phases.



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The CUR agreement is in progress. It's required to be executed as a prerequisite to bringing on additional agencies in phases 2,3,4 of the closest unit response project.

- **Regional CAD Update:**
  - CAD Acceptance is still in process
  - Working Fire Run Incident Response:
    - All agencies populated a working fire incident response for each fire type.
      - Most agencies only have their agency Group Page only for this response. Each agency needs to populate this response as their base S25 alarm response, in addition to the Group page if they so choose.
      - Sandy will send out a reminder to all agencies.
  - If any agency is noticing GPS routing issues with the MDT's, please submit a ticket for correction
  
- **Regional Communications BSO Update:**
  - No updates
  
- **Coral Springs Communications Update:**
  - No updates
  
- **Plantation Communications Update:**
  - No updates
  
- **P25 Update:**
  - Goal to get done before the end of November.
  - Main concern still is getting all agencies programmed and ready to go
  - There is not date as of yet
  
- **Fire Station Alerting:**
  - 60 Stations with installation with complete, 44 have been cut over to the USDD infrastructure
  - Pines cutover is pending the South Microwave system completion, aiming for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year still, this will also include some BSOFR stations.
  - Working with County ETS for security clearance to use the app, as well as working with USDD to segregate agency licenses.
  
- **Uniformed off Shore Marine incident responses (Update):**
  - Need to facilitate a meeting between FR and DLE to agree on the zones.
    - Chief Levy will work with ORT to coordinate this meeting



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- **Hazardous Materials Responses:**
  - Reminder that the Haz-Mat response protocol for the entire county requires two Haz-Mat teams to respond.
  - All Haz-Mat incidents on the Regional CAD have a first line set of comments indicating the order of which teams to be dispatched. Currently the first line comments begin with the following: **HAVE BC CONFIRM IF 2ND HAZMAT TEAM SHOULD BE SENT**
    - This will be amended to: **DISPATCH TWO HAZMAT TEAMS**

## **New Business:**

- **Citrix/Net Motion Login Change:**
  - All personnel will be required to use an individual account to log in to both Citrix to access the Regional Public Safety Applications, as well as to log in to Net Motion to log into the Mobile Data Terminals. When the MDT's are restarted on a daily basis, they will require a Net Motion login.
  - For the time being all users will be able to use the generic password that was provided. Effective Monday, 10/26/2020 all users will be required to reset their password.
- **HipLink:**
  - All Verizon Wireless users have been converted to Enterprise Messaging, this allows messages to be sent directly to the user utilizing the VZW network to get the messages out quicker.
  - Other carriers such as ATT, and T-Mobile, they are blacklist Regional CAD messages. ATT and T-Mobile have been informed of this issue, and are currently working with the County.
    - For those users with other carriers, they should look at a 3<sup>rd</sup> party applications such as Active 911 to overcome this issue.
- **Fire Ground Communications (M.Moser):**
  - There seems to be a discrepancy across the county on how agencies manage radio communications on the Fire Ground, while utilizing Divisions and Groups. It was brought to the attention of this group, and will also be brought to the Training Group.
- **MA/Communications CO-Chair:**
  - Chief Moser was nominated as the Mutual Aid/Communications Committee Co-Chair and he accepted the position.
- **MCI Radio Communication with Hospitals:**
  - There has been an ongoing issue when an MCI is declared in the county. On-scene crews will declare the appropriate level MCI and then Med Com will query the capabilities of each hospital as per protocol.
    - There is a communications breakdown from the field where IC's or Transport Officers are not communicating the amount of patients being transported to the ED's.
    - Hospitals ramp up for the surge and need to be updated on the status from the field
      - The recommendation is for the M/A-Communications group, EMS group, and Training groups to make sure all of this information is filtered down to the field crews along with creating county-wide MCI trainings.



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## **Open Discussion:**

- **Good and Welfare:**
  - Congratulations to Fire Chief Shawn Gilmartin on his retirement
  - Congratulations to Division Chief Bill Huff on his retirement from Miramar and new appointment of Deputy Fire Chief to Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue
  - Congratulations to Fire Chief Dan Booker on his new appointment to Fire Chief of Hollywood Fire
  
- **Next Meeting:** TBD
- **Meeting Adjourned:**