



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

December 16, 2020
Via Zoom

Minutes

	Broward Health	X	Margate
	Broward Emergency Mgmt.	X	Miramar
X	Broward Sheriff's Office Fire		North Lauderdale
X	BSO Communications		Oakland Park
X	Coral Springs FD	X	Pembroke Pines
X	Davie	X	Plantation FD
X	Fort Lauderdale	X	Pompano Beach
X	Hollywood		Sunrise
	Lighthouse Point	X	Tamarac
X	Lauderhill	X	Seminole Tribe
	Lauderdale By The Sea	X	Broward County OCT
X	Coral Springs Communications	X	South Florida REST
X	Plantation Communications	X	Broward Ambulance Licensing

- **Welcome/ Introduction of Members and Guests:**
Presentations:
- **Approval of last meeting minutes:** Motion by Caldero and 2nd by Moore
- **Old Business:**
- **Regional Communications Update (OCRT):** (Provided by B. Bayag via E-mail)
 - **P-25 System**
 - We are excited to report the successful migration of all Phase 2 agencies last week, and *all law agencies* of Phase 3 agencies this morning, December 16, 2020! As of this morning, all law and fire agencies dispatched from the **Central and North PSAPs**, and all *law agencies* dispatched from the **South PSAP** have successfully migrated to the new P-25 System. The fire agencies dispatched from the South PSAP will be completed this Friday, December 18th.
 - The new P-25 radio system improves Broward County's Regional Consolidated E911 Dispatch System by providing the County with a new state



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of the art APCO P25 compliant radio system with improved, denser coverage, higher levels of redundancy, and improved interoperability.

- We want to thank all participating communities for their efforts leading up to and during the cutover to the new system. Thank you all!
- **Fire Station Alerting System**
 - Three Oakland Park Fire Rescue fire stations were the first fire stations to cutover to the new Fire Station Alerting system for a pilot test on 4/30/20. Since then greater than 50 Fire Rescue stations of 14 Fire Rescue agencies or BSO contract cities have successfully cutover to the new system. This project is part of the County's public safety infrastructure replacement strategy to better serve first responders.
- **Closest Unit Response**
 - The first phase of a four-phase implementation completed in June 2020, for the Fire Rescue Agencies in the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Sunrise, Lauderdale, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park and Tamarac. Phase 2 will integrate the Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue contracted cities, Phase 3 will integrate Margate, Coconut Creek, Pompano Beach, Lighthouse Point, and Lauderdale by the Sea, and Phase 4 will integrate Davie, Miramar, Hollywood, and Pembroke Pines. The completion of all four phases will complete the delivery of Closest Unit Response to all municipalities in Broward County, with the exception of Plantation and Coral Springs. The kick-off of implementation of Phases 2 through 4 are pending execution of the CUR Auto Aid agreement by participating agencies.
- **Regional CAD Update:**
 - Continuing primary focus to enter all P25 Radio ID's
 - Awaiting FLFR FS 8 to open to release the GIS refresh schedule
- **Regional Communications BSO Update:**
 - Currently in the middle of P25 cutover, all is smooth, no reported issues
 - Audio quality with the gateways, analog/digital
 - Disabled week of December 28th
 - These issues should be resolved by Friday since all agencies will be cutover
 - Regional Communications has master copies of all agency radio templates
 - Some new upticks on COVID+ employees
 - All precautions remain in place since onset



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- **Coral Springs Communications Update:**
 - New cutover to P25, no longer have the BSO main talk-groups in consoles
 - Only tactical and Calling channels
 - Issue is with ISSI and resources
 - BSO has CS and PL talk-groups in the consoles
- **Plantation Communications Update:**
 - Same issue as CS
- **P25 Update:**
 - See ORCAT update
- **Fire Station Alerting:**
 - See ORCAT update
 - Hollywood is having an issue with Samantha's speed
 - Pines having issue with dispatcher speaking over Samantha
 - Dispatch has no window informing them when Samantha is done speaking
- **Uniformed off Shore Marine incident responses (Update):**
 - Follow up meeting was held prior to their meeting
 - Awaiting our DLE counterparts to work through some things on their end
- **Regional Communications 10-24 Activation Policy:**
 - Overwhelming response by everyone in the group to utilize what was thought to always be used as 10-24. Angie will revise this and work with her staff to train.

New Business:

- **Utilization of P25 Radio Template:**
 - Chief Villar advised that they had an issues that there was no response from dispatch on the FR Calling Channel. They were testing to train their personnel that they can turn their knob all the way to either end of the spectrum if lost in the radio to reach a dispatcher. Angie reassured everyone that this channel is monitored by all PSAPS to include PL and CS
 - Remind all crews that in the top three zones, there is always a monitored channel in the #1 or the #16 position in case crews get bumped off their tactical channel or lost in the radio
- **Discussion of changes to P25 template for 2nd touch:**
 - Now that all agencies have been cut over we need to begin thinking of any changes that need to be made before the 2nd touch.
 - Current issues identified:
 - VRSD not programmed correct



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- Some agencies (Sunrise, Lauderhill, Oakland Park) have wrong talk-group for BCF-D3
- Tac 11, 12, 13 need to be renamed, Airport Tactical Channels

Open Discussion:

- BCHC has free application for all agencies to use for ReadyOp Patient Tracking Application. If agencies need access, please get with Chief Levy.
- CAD will automatically pick and assign tactical channel for CUR incidents.

- **Good and Welfare:**

- **Next Meeting:** 1/20/2021
- **Meeting Adjourned:**