



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

**April 21, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

<b>X</b>	<b>Broward Health</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>Oakland Park</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Coral Springs FD</b>		<b>Pembroke Pines</b>
	<b>Davie</b>	<b>X</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>X</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>Broward Ambulance Licensing</b>
	<b>Coconut Creek FD</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Broward County Trauma Services</b>

- **Welcome/ Introduction of Members and Guests:**

- **Presentations:**

- **Approval of last meeting minutes:** Motion by Caldero and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moore

- **Standing Reports:**

- **Regional Communications Update (OCRT):** (Provided by B. Bayag via E-mail)

- **P25 Radio System**

- The 60 day full load operational test completed in mid-February. We advised Motorola of all remaining open punch list items for final project close out.
- In March we received notification from the City of Hollywood regarding the 16th site approval - we've received conditional approval on the permit for our site plan for construction at West Lake Park. Staff is working with our vendor, Motorola regarding contractual details for the path forward to proceed with the construction project at WLP.



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- We are also working with the City of Hollywood regarding their interest in migrating onto the County P25 15 site system in advance of the construction of the 16th site. The 16<sup>th</sup> site will provide necessary coverage to meet the project coverage specifications in the East Hollywood area, however the City is interested in migrating over to the County system prior to its construction. Plans are being developed toward this end.
- **Closest Unit Response**
  - Initiation of Phases 2 through 4 are dependent on execution of the CUR/Regional Auto Aid Agreement, which is currently under review with County and Fire Chiefs Association. 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.
  - Phase one cities of Lauderhill, Sunrise, Tamarac, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park and Fort Lauderdale have all moved their ETA for CUR from 2 minutes to 4 minutes.
- **Regional CAD Update:**
  - System Acceptance is still at the same point as last meeting, still working with Motorola
- **Regional Communications BSO Update: (A. Mize)**
  - Thank you to all agencies for NTW
  - Utilization of Protocol 36 will be coming to an end, effective Monday
  - Operators will still ask if the patient is COVID positive or if there is anyone positive in the location. This will be passed along to the field units
- **Coral Springs Communications Update:**
  - Working with ORCAT to see how to become interoperable with both Regional CAD and Plantation CAD
- **Plantation Communications Update:**
  - Nothing to report
- **P25 Update:** (S. Lowe)
  - Recently upgraded to the new version of software to match the Hosted master site. Also swapped out hardware. During this upgrade was able to exercise the controllers and the second master site to ensure good redundancy on the system.
  - ARL will be discussed at the Radio Governance meeting tomorrow. MSI will be doing a capacity study by June.



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- Link Layer Authentication-delayed because it is not usable in the way it was initially sold by MSI. MSI is going back to the drawing board to see if it can be used the way it was originally envisioned.
- Agencies spent a lot of money on the software upgrades due to it being a requirement for the radio system, and if it cannot be used will MSI reimburse those agencies who spent the money?
  - County will be seeking reimbursement if MSI cannot get the feature to work, and this will include a request for reimbursement to the agencies. More information to follow.
- **Fire Station Alerting: (S. Lowe)**
  - 19 more stations that require migration still
  - Zetron will be turned off September 30, 2021
    - Any stations not ready by this date need to implement a temporary solution for station notification
  - USDD App, was approved by Broward County ETS
    - OCT is working with USDD for testing and tutorials
  - Roll out date in the near future
  - OCT will manage licenses until USDD can segregate accounts
- **Old Business**
- **Uniformed off Shore Marine incident responses (Update):**
  - Lynn has received responses from PB, FL, and HW
  - Need to determine what DLE will be doing
  - BSOFR will send run cards after meeting
- **Standardized Fire Rescue UHF Radio Template:**
  - Chief Kane will be taking point on this and will have a revised draft for next meeting
  - There was discussion to include VHF options in addition to UHF in the radio for all agencies who have all band radios.
  - The primary focus is to include UHF standardization but the idea of having a standardized multiband template is a good idea too.
- **USDD Training:**
  - Fire Chiefs Association has approved and is funding USDD training locally
  - There are 15 seats available
  - May 17 & 18 at Tamarac FR HQ



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#### **New Business:**

- **Mutual Aid Run Cards:**

- Chief Hicks from FLFR will be taking point on this
  - Chief Hudson from PB has offered his help
- The mutual aid run cards need to be revised, because we are finding due to recent multiple alarm incidents that the current cards do not resemble the geographical locations of all stations across the county.

#### **Open Discussion:**

- **Good and Welfare:**

Multi-Discipline, Multi-agency drill at the end of June at the Sea Port. Mutual Aid agencies will be requested to participate.

- **Next Meeting:** 6/16/2021

- **Meeting Adjourned:**

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