



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

**July 21, 2021**  
**Sunrise Public Safety Building**  
**Minutes**  
**Agencies in Attendance**

	<b>Broward Ambulance Licensing</b>		<b>Lauderdale By the Sea Fire Rescue</b>
	<b>Broward Emergency Mgmt.</b>		<b>Lighthouse Point Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Broward Healthcare Coalition</b>	✓	<b>Margate Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Broward Sheriff's Office Fire</b>	✓	<b>Miramar Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>BSO Communications</b>		<b>North Lauderdale Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Broward Trauma Services</b>	✓	<b>Oakland Park Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Broward OCT</b>	✓	<b>Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Coconut Creek Fire Rescue</b>	✓	<b>Plantation Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Coral Springs Communications</b>		<b>Plantation Communications</b>
✓	<b>Coral Springs Fire</b>	✓	<b>Pompano Beach Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Davie Fire Rescue</b>		<b>Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue</b>		<b>South Florida REST</b>
	<b>Hollywood Fire Rescue</b>	✓	<b>Sunrise Fire Rescue</b>
✓	<b>Lauderhill Fire Rescue</b>	✓	<b>Tamarac Fire Rescue</b>

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

- **Presentations:**

- **Approval of last meeting minutes:** Motion by Chief Kane and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Moser

- **Standing Reports:**

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

- **P25 Radio System**

- The team is continuing work with the vendor for completion 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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- As of June 3 the City of Hollywood's public safety personnel were successfully migrated the Broward County P25 system. Our thanks to our partners at BSO and the City for their professionalism in the successful migration onto the system.
- **Closest Unit Response**
- In the Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 15, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Administrator to negotiate and execute the CUR/Regional Auto Aid Agreement with municipalities and Broward Sheriff's Office in substantially the form as what has been vetted through the FCABC. A few minor clarification revisions are being reviewed by the County Administrator, and will be sent for review and approval by the FCABC as soon as her review is completed. Initiation of Phases 2 through 4 of the Closest Unit Response implementation plan are dependent on execution of the agreement.
- **Regional CAD Update:**
  - No update on CAD acceptance
  - Working on finalizing the Ocean Zones
- **Plantation Communications Update:**
  - Nothing to report
- **Coral Springs Communications Update:**
  - Nothing to report
- **Regional Communications BSO Update: (A. Mize)**
  - A lot of focus on Alyssa's Law that will be coming into place in August
    - Public and Charter Schools are required to have access to an emergency alert system that directly notifies the PSAP.
    - If any alert goes off, agencies can expect a dual association of an incident for both law and fire.
- **P25 & FSA Update:** (S. Lowe & J. De Zayas)
  - To date, 81 Fire Stations have migrated over to USDD System
  - September 30, 2021, the legacy Ztron Fire Station Alerting System will be decommissioned
    - Any Fire Stations who have not migrated will need to have alternative options in place for alerting
  - Acceptance testing taking place with a pilot group on the USDD Application
    - Once feedback has been received, and final acceptance this will be made public to all agencies to register personnel for licensure.



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- Individual registration forms will be required per license. This form will be sent out to all agencies on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Individuals will receive their activation code directly from ORCAT after filling out the form.
- Another pending item that needs to be closed out is the use of the GARI Device which allows for automated dispatching. Currently the County has purchased two of these, with the initial purchase of the system.
  - There needs to be more discussion and information provided from USDD on the capabilities of the use and if more devices will be required to be purchased.

### **Old Business**

- **Uniformed off Shore Marine incident responses (Update):**
  - CAD Team is working on the programming
  - No ETA on completion of programming
- **Standardized Fire Rescue UHF Radio Template:**
  - Chief Kane is creating a draft template that is inclusive of UHF and VHF for the multiband radios.
    - Recommendation from the group is to utilize this template to include options of UHF and VHF as well.
- **Mutual Aid Run Cards: (M. Hicks)**
  - Chief Hicks has updated the Mutual Aid Run cards that required an update.
  - Run Cards were created for Coconut Creek stations
- **Multi Agency Mutual Aid Drill- June 23rd:**
  - A request for Mutual Aid unit participation will be going out for this drill at the Sea Port
  - The drill will included Federal, State and local partners from multiple counties along with Regional Communications
- **Priority Dispatch Determinant Signals:**
  - This group has been selected by the FCABC to re-work the current dispatch signal types to be able to dispatch incidents more efficiently by determinant type.
  - This will be done similar to the Signal 67ID call types that were created for P36.
  - Angie advised that Regional Communications will make the recommendations and bring to this group.



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## **New Business:**

- **Surfside Incident Mutual Aid Request-(Countywide Tac Alerts)**
  - During the Mutual Aid request from Miami Dade for the MCI response for the Surfside incident, Regional Communications did an amazing job acquiring and dispatching units into Dade County. This was an unprecedented response and units from across Broward County were able to get units on scene in staging in under 30 minutes from the initial request at 2:00 am.
  - Regional Communications is suggesting that Fire-Rescue build out a Mutual Aid Run Card for out of county responses, for Dade County, Collier County and Palm Beach County, in the event of future requests.
- **Countywide CAD Pages:**
  - There was request for dispatch to stop sending out Critical Capacity Pages, and to just rely on the BCHC Hospital Dashboard for Critical Capacity notifications.
  - There was a request to modify the current BSO Policy for Countywide Pages, to reflect State Warning Point notifications, rather than major highway events.
- **USDD “Samantha” Concerns:**
  - There was initial discussion that some agencies are receiving feedback from their field users that there was complaints about Samantha talking over the dispatchers. There was discussion about the issue, and all agencies in the room were fine with how Samantha is functioning.
    - Discussion on removing the process when Samantha repeats the address, to only have her announce once.
- **Incident Support Team:**
  - At the request of the FCABC this group has been tasked with creating a procedure on the use of a Broward Fire Chiefs Incident Support Team to assist agencies on large scale incidents. This is based on past large scale incidents that have occurred in this County, where assistance was welcomed. Chief Moser is working on a draft that he will present for discussion.

## **Open Discussion:**

- **Good and Welfare:**
- **Next Meeting:** August 18, 2021
- **Meeting Adjourned:**