

NORCOM Meeting Minutes February 16, 2007

Attendees:

Jeff Blake, Kirkland Fire	Alan Komenski, ECC
Denny Bronson, Bellevue Police	Joel Kuhnhenh, Woodinville Fire
Tracy Burrows, Kirkland CMO	John Lambert, Duvall Fire
Diane Carlson, Bellevue CMO	Gene Markle, Kirkland PD
Jane Christenson, Redmond	Walt Mauldin, Mercer Island Fire
Stan Conrad, Issaquah PD	Jim Montgomery, Bellevue PD
Brenda Cooper, Kirkland	Chelo Picardal, Bellevue IT
Toni Cramer, Bellevue IT	Dave Ramsay, Kirkland CMO
Mike Eisner, Bellevue Fire	Lee Soptick, Eastside Fire & Rescue
Tim Fuller, Redmond Fire	Mario Trevino, Bellevue Fire
Linda Herzog, Mercer Island CMO	Tom Weathers, Northshore Fire
Ed Holmes, Mercer Island PD	
Rosemarie Ives, Redmond	Bret O'Connor, DeltaWRX
Bill Kenny, Kirkland HR	Brian Hudson, DeltaWRX
Andrea Jutte, Bellevue	

The Steering Committee approved the January 19th meeting minutes.

The group discussed the meeting with the ValleyComm Operations Committee on February 22nd. The meeting is intended to gauge Valley Comm's interest in collaboration with NORCOM, particularly on back-up and technology issues. In addition to the NORCOM executive committee, a number of other Steering Committee members expressed an interest in attending the meeting.

Bret O'Connor and Brian Hudson from DeltaWRX gave a status update on the technology study. Their first task has been to talk to all of the stakeholders in the various agencies. The interviews have been going well with excellent participation from the end-user groups. The consultants will report the initial results of the interviews to the technology committee on March 2nd. In April and May, DeltaWRX will be preparing the technology strategy.

The Negotiations Team had a good meeting with Mark Nelson from ADCOMM to compare the budget in the Business and Services Plan that Mark prepared with the new assumptions related to the facility lease, asset transfer, and administrative & technology support. The team was reassured that the Business and Services Plan budget included consideration of the cost centers that are currently under consideration by the Negotiations Team. As the actual costs become more specific, the overall NORCOM budget will be adjusted. The negotiations team is focusing on the issues of cost smoothing, asset transfer, and facility lease.

Bill Kenny reported for the Human Resources Committee. The Committee distributed a powerpoint presentation that could be used to brief dispatchers on the NORCOM status before the technology study interviews. These briefings have gone well. There continue to be staff concerns about seniority and benefits.

The Back-Up Committee is awaiting the results of the meeting with Valley Comm before moving forward. One concern is the level of radio traffic at Valley Comm and whether they would have the capacity to back-up NORCOM. We are looking at options such as the King County Sheriff's Office and Redmond Police Dispatch as partners in the back-up operations. There was a request that the Back-Up Committee define the anticipated Level of Service for back-up operations so that there is a mutual understanding of the functionality that we are trying to achieve in back-up operations.

The Governance and Finance Committee is preparing to start work on finalizing the NORCOM ILA.

Bellevue requested that participants send in their letters of support for the federal appropriation request for technology funding next week. State Rep. Eddy has worked hard on NORCOM's behalf at the state level and we are optimistic about receiving a state appropriation for technology. The federal UASI grant process this year is highly competitive and NORCOM has a number of hurdles to overcome to receive that funding. Seattle and King County have a number of high-profile, high-cost requests for UASI funding and are likely to dominate the fund allocation.