

NORCOM Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2007

Attendees:

Jeff Blake, Kirkland Fire	
Tracy Burrows, Kirkland CMO	Alan Komenski, ECC
Diane Carlson, Bellevue CMO	Joel Kuhnenn, Woodinville Fire
Jane Christenson, Redmond	Gene Markle, Kirkland PD
Mike Eisner, Bellevue Fire	Walt Mauldin, Mercer Island Fire
Tim Fuller, Redmond Fire	Jim Montgomery, Bellevue PD
Linda Herzog, Mercer Island CMO	Chelo Picardal, Bellevue IT
Rosemarie Ives, Redmond	Dave Ramsay, Kirkland CMO
Bill Kenny, Kirkland HR	Lee Soptich, Eastside Fire & Rescue
Marcus Kragness, Shoreline Fire	Tom Weathers, Northshore Fire

The Steering Committee approved the February 16th meeting minutes.

Dave Ramsay reported on the meeting with the ValleyComm Operations Committee on February 22nd. There were many representatives from NORCOM at the meeting and they were impressed with ValleyComm's commitment to partnering with NORCOM. The ValleyComm Operations Committee formally voted to authorize ValleyComm staff to collaborate with NORCOM on technology and back-up issues. There has been collaboration and information sharing on our respective technology studies. ValleyComm is considering ways to align its study timeframe with ours so that we could preserve the option of teaming together to procure a system. The Technology Committee will know more about the potential viability of our existing systems in April. At that time, the Committee will be able to recommend to the Steering Committee whether it makes sense to try to align our technology acquisition.

The Technology Committee reported that the technology consultant, DeltaWRX, has completed interviews and the identification of system requirements. The consultants will be submitting a draft technology strategy to the committee by mid-April that will include options and cost ranges. The Committee brought up a policy question related to how to treat the pending technology projects that have been put on hold pending the NORCOM outcome. Should the functionality that would be realized from those projects be included as a core requirement of any new system? The group decided that they should be included in the core requirements, but the strategy should identify that this functionality is not available today.

The Negotiations Team gave a status report on facility lease, cost smoothing and asset transfer negotiations. The Team will be prepared to present a proposed package to the Steering Committee in May or June. The proposal will be benchmarked against the budget in the Business and Services Plan so that Steering Committee members will be

able to identify how costs have changed or become more definitive since the completion of the Business and Services Plan.

The Governance and Finance Committee is scheduled to meet with Karen Reed to discuss updating the Interlocal Agreement. One issue to be resolved is the role for an elected official body to advise on NORCOM budget decisions. The group discussed an Elected Official Assembly body that would review the past year's accomplishments and make a recommendation on the budget. Ultimately, the individual legislative bodies of all the NORCOM participants will have approval authority over the budget.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.