

STAFF REPORT

TO: Dodge County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelly Holzerland, Director of Communications

Agenda Item # 23.a.
Date 9-11-2019

DATE: September 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Expansion of responsibility for the PSAP Joint Communication Policy committee

Recommendation: Move to approve the expansion of the Joint Communication Policy Committee to include oversight of the Dodge County Radio System and add city/county representation..

Background:

An Interlocal Agreement exists between the City of Fremont and Dodge County that describes the Public Safety Answering Point. Part of the Interlocal Agreement provides for the Joint Communication Policy Committee. This committee is tasked with regulating the cooperative undertaking of the combined communications services.

In 2015 Fremont Police and Fire implemented an 800 MHZ digital public safety radio system. This system is part of the Omaha Regional Interoperable Network and currently supported by the Washington County portion of the network. Dodge County is currently expanding the ORION network in to the rest of the county and on its completion, Fremont's system will transfer from Washington to Dodge County's network. This transition process and ongoing system needs to have a group of responder/ users who can give input to the build out and then make decisions for and oversee the new Dodge county system. The PSAP Governance Board is requesting to add this additional responsibility to the existing Joint Communication Policy Committee.

The responsibility of the Joint Communication Policy Committee would be expanded to include oversight and decision- making regarding the Dodge County Radio System. The current committee consists of the County Sheriff, the Fremont City Police Chief, the Fremont City Fire Chief, the Fremont Rural Fire Chief plus one other fire chief from another department within the County to be selected by the Governing Board. In addition, one member of the Fremont City Council and one member of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors will be appointed by their respective boards.

The Director of the Communications Center and the County Radio Administrator shall serve as an Ex Officio Policy Committee members. Policy Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities

Fiscal Impact: None