KLAMATH COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 Klamath Emergency Communications District

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by Mike Cook. Representatives were present from the following agencies:

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE	HERE	ABSENT
KC Emergency Management - Brandon Fowler	X	
Winema National Forest		X
Basin Ambulance - Lorita Ongman	X	
Merrill RFD		X
Central Cascade RFD - Bradley Kahler		X
OIT Security		X
Malin RFD		X
Merrill PD		X
Malin PD		X
Kingsley FD		X
Walker Range Fire		X
OSP		X
Klamath Interagency Fire		X
ODF – Randall Baley		X
District #3		X
Chiloquin Ambulance & Fire – Mike Cook (Chair)	X	
BLM – Blake Dornbusch	X	
Harriman RFD		X
Chemult RFD		X
Bonanza RFD		X
Bly RFD		X
District #4 – Larry Woodruff		X
District #1 - Matt Hitchcock	X	
District #5		X
Crescent RFD - Dylan Webb		X
Klamath PD –		X
Klamath SO – Chris Kaber (Vice-Chair)		X
Keno RFD – John Ketchum		X

Guests: Keith Endacott, Joanie Rote, Holly Kessler, Robert Moore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 18, 2022, Brandon seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Radio Interoperability: Keith said a few minor equipment repairs have been done. The group has approved the 23-24 budget and fee schedule. Mike Cook advised of having some radio issues for about a week with it fading in and out. Keith said the microwave piece could have been causing the main channel radio issues. Issues have been better since repair of the backup radio channel.

B. Strategic Plan: Keith stated they have been tracking on strategic plan. In the coming months need to launch a review of the plan.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Director Report: The State will pay for phone system upgrades and plan to replace them in a year or two. The added capabilities of the new phone system would better integrate text to 911 and Rapid SOS. Radio consoles need a refresh/replacement. CAD system refresh is in the works. The current company is no longer in the CAD business and no longer providing support. At this time 80-85% of incidents are for law enforcement. This has caused us to consider community buying power to get a suite of software. The objective is to have integration with records management, and devise opportunities for mobiles while providing affordability to smaller agencies.

Keith informed that he is involved in many other state programs like APCO and every center is having issues with retention.

988 is a new program launched to help people reach the suicide hotline and is integrated with 911. It gets complex of how or when 911 transfers a caller to 988 and how these types of calls are handled. Currently, they are treated like any other suicidal call and law enforcement responds. This increases the possibilities of building better relationships with mental health professionals for response.

B. Operations Manager Report: Two trainees currently on console and recruitment is ongoing with multiple applicants in the testing phase.

DPSST has changed some hiring requirements and is becoming stricter. Keith reported on House Bill 2936. This would be a standardized questionnaire for new hires that is very intrusive and would require additional psychological evaluations. Discussion followed.

IV. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Discussed BLM CAD software that has GPS tracking capabilities. Working LEDS access for BLM with ORI.

Matt said District 1 would be getting a demo from a company that provides RMS.

Chiloquin fire expressed their appreciation of trainers and dispatch.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Next Meeting Date: April 19, 2023, at 9:00am

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.