

Lakecomm Fire Chief's Working Group

Meeting to Discuss Core Functions

10/23/2024

Core Functions Identified

- MABAS Dispatching- Consensus of the group. Must be part of LakeComm for all Division 4 departments MABAS dues can continue to pay the \$5000 yearly fee.
- Emergency Medical Dispatch, Emergency Fire Dispatch-All in agreement to continue EMD and EFD. Must be part of LakeComm.
- Fire Alarm Monitoring- Needs to be automated. Time frame 60 seconds to acknowledge. Still questions on trouble alarms and supervisory alarms. Some departments respond and some don't. Some are a function of their bureaus. Most are using FSS. Still work to be done.
- Outside Agency Calls (Utilities, Board-up, Private Ambulance Service, etc.) -The consensus of the group was to continue this as a function of dispatch. The inspector's group will take on the task of creating and updating a call out list of board up companies.
- Outdoor Warning Sirens/Reverse 911 Notifications -Chief Smith will work on this with Dan Eder from Lake County EMA. Will need to be a part of LakeComm.
- Staff Notifications (Hospital Bypass, Personnel Callback) -Hospital Bypass possibly a function of CAD. Not sure of exact notification procedure for crews to know. Chief notifications, D/C Buschick will be working on how CAD can assist with this. Possibly a text message, a tone for select unit codes, other options.
- Station Alerting- Consensus this is to continue. Need to figure out a backup system for when CAD is down.
- E-Dispatch, Active 911 (or other service as agreed)- Consensus this will be continued.
- Storm/Heavy Call Volume Incident Procedures- This will be a work in progress. Need to work with the ED on specifics of how this will be run. More to come.
- Data Collection and Sharing-Will need to be a function of LakeComm.
- CAD Dumps from CAD to Incident Reporting Software- Will need to be a function of LakeComm.
- Fireground Radio Frequency Monitoring- Low band VHF will not reach LakeComm from all over the county. LakeComm will not be able to monitor fireground frequencies. There was discussion on the possibility of LakeComm being able to

assign fireground channels to an incident if there are multiple incidents in the county. Will work with the ED on those possibilities.

- **Radio Emergency Button Monitoring**-Not currently being done the same by all agencies. Some go to their dispatch centers, some go to the incident commander. Discussion on routine calls going bad and who will hear the emergency alert. Need to create a policy with ED on how this might work.