



CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY DISPATCH AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 7, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Modesto-Stanislaus Emergency Services Facility
3705 Oakdale Rd
Modesto, CA 95357

Advisory Board Members Present: Sheriff, Adam Christianson; Chief of Police, Galen Carroll; Fire Warden, Dale Skiles

Advisory Board Members Absent: Fire Chief, Sean Slamon

Others in attendance: SR 9-1-1 Director, Joel Broumas; Joe Lopez, City of Modesto; Deputy CEO, Jody Hayes; SR 9-1-1 Operations Manager, Wendy Silva, SR 9-1-1 Business Services Manager, John Bettencourt

SR 9-1-1 Director Joel Broumas called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

- I. FY 15-16 Stanislaus Regional 9-1-1 Budget Discussion
Deputy CEO, Jody Hayes explained the purpose of the recent budget review. The goal was to do two different things. 1). Quality Control measures, comparing it to budgeting policies relating to other departments with county employees 2). Explain how funding of budget works and 2a). identify specific changes for each of the contributing agencies, identifying how, and how much. Jody explained in detail what is presented step by step. Population numbers available as of 2014 fiscal year.

Jody Hayes said the review group is meeting next week regarding the allocation methodology as well as Matrix report recommendations to determine cost structure moving forward. There will be time frames established in order to notify everyone of upcoming changes as a result of this comprehensive in-depth look.

Sheriff Christianson sought clarification that this is a roll over budget going into 2015-2016, and in leading up to 16-17 we will address the bigger issues in funding methodologies, flaws and equability.

Jody Hayes added that there may be some recommendations coming forward for 2015-2016.

Administrative Services Manager, John Bettencourt had additional documents for comparison between budget for next two years and provided additional detail and explanation detail, to answer questions from last meeting to clarify how much the budget will be changing this year. Purpose was determine the net cost being funded by the participating agencies, and by agency what was the 2014-2015 final budget and what is the 2015-2016 proposed budget with breakout for detailed impact. John added further detail and explanation to further define the changes and increases expected in the upcoming budget year.

Sheriff Christianson asked if the changes in the budget are mainly attributed to salary and benefits. Jody replied that it's actually a blending of both City of Newman leaving SR 9-1-1 for dispatch services and the salary portion.

Fire Warden Dale Skiles inquired if the console replacements were included or imbedded in this budget. Director Broumas clarified that this budget presented is strictly status quo for 2015 – 2016, and wants to review this same budget with the Commission as was done in this meeting, noting that are some clear issues that need to be taken care of before budget is adopted.

Jody Hayes further clarified that the budget assumes full staffing and overtime. This budget has some cushion built into it, as it has been historically. SR 9-1-1 is projecting there will be some savings at the end of year. This raises a policy question do determine if the participating agencies want a refund of the savings or if there's the opportunity to invest in some of the capital improvements that are necessary. There is no line item in this budget for Capitol Improvement. In the future Capitol budget could be funded if the Department adjusts the Salary & overtime costs, as the way they are presented now is an inflated number.

Further discussion continued to further identify some of the expected costs that are coming up as far as equipment replacement, and facility repairs and maintenance. Captain Broumas explained that Orbacom is the radio component and it's on its last leg. The system will need to be replaced sooner to prevent crash and we lose radio communication.

Captain Broumas explained that maintenance agreements are typically 15% of the equipment purchase costs as a line item every year

Jody Hayes suggested that the Department consider creating a budget policy going forward that a percentage of the true-up funds be held over for future capitol needs instead of returning everything back to the partners.

Captain Broumas informed the advisors that he is seeking guidance from Advisory Board as to how to present this budget to Commission. Chief Carroll feels this presentation is clear and should be easily understood in a Commission presentation. Jody Hayes inquired if there are any objections moving this information forward to the Commission, sharing what the Status Quo looks like, identify the issues that need to be addressed, and let them know that the work group is evaluating those issues and there will be two considerations; 1). What changes are important, 2). When will they occur?

Sheriff Christianson added that there needs to be prospective plans, for further analysis, equitability, funding formulas, and a very specific definitive 3-5 year plan to invest in capitol improvements, investment in infrastructure, to help the partner agencies know what to expect their costs to be.

Chief Carroll added that Modesto is doing a study on 9-1-1 costs if they create a stand alone system.

Captain Broumas commented that the Commission gave clear direction to this agency regarding the Matrix study, and returning by July 2015 with a review of the recommendations and responses to those recommendations. There will definitely be options.

Carroll/Skiles unan. Motion to move budget presentation to Commission in its present format.

II. Adjournment at 9:35 a..m.