STATE OF VERMONT
ENHANCED 9-1-1 BOARD
Special Meeting #1
19 February 2015
Capitol Plaza Hotel
(Rm #335 – Montpelier, VT)

10:03 AM – Call to Order
Chair Roger Marcoux brought the meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Board Members Present
Roger Marcoux, Chair
Jerome Pettinga, Vice-Chair
Heather Dale Porter
Chief Gary Taylor
Steve Gold
Chief Bob Schlachter
Captain Don Patch
Kate O'Connor (via conference bridge)

Public Members Present
Commissioner Keith Flynn, DPS
Deputy Commissioner Paco Aumand, DPS
Ben Palkowski, VSEA (arrived after roll call, @ 10:15 AM)

Staff Members Present
David Tucker, Executive Director
Soni Johnson, Board Clerk

New Business

Chair Marcoux provided a brief overview of the topics for this meeting:

- Possible E9-1-1 program shift to Department of Public Safety & Department of Public Safety dispatch consolidation.
- Finding possible efficiencies within the current program (call-taking positions – what is available vs. what is actually staffed).
- E9-1-1 program budget cuts

Commissioner Flynn spoke of the importance of keeping dispatch consolidation & the possible E9-1-1 program move separate. The Department of Public Safety has a budget shortfall and dispatch consolidation is necessary to help close that gap. The possible E9-1-1 program move has been put forth by the legislature and is up to them. He has spoken to the legislature about needing more time for planning purposes if the two programs are to merge.

Discussion ensued:

- Possible down time for the 9-1-1 system when Derby & Rutland dispatch consolidation takes place.
- Configuration of call-taking positions during dispatch consolidation & the cut-over to the new 9-1-1 system in July.
- Can E9-1-1 funding be safeguarded at another department or will those funds be appropriated for other programs?
- What savings would be generated by combining E9-1-1 & DPS? Are specific numbers available?
- How will all of the "behind the scenes" work/maintenance be handled if E9-1-1 is absorbed into DPS?
- Potential staffing cuts (call-taker/dispatcher/E9-1-1 office staff)
- Loss of E9-1-1 program autonomy
- Current USF funding levels and the need for more revenue

Chair Marcoux called for a short break in the meeting. (11:37 AM – 11:47 AM)
All members of the public left the meeting at this time.

Discussion continued:

- The Board & E9-1-1 staff will look at the current E9-1-1 program to see if further efficiencies can be found.

- Board/staff will continue to work with the Department of Public Safety on both dispatch consolidation & possible program shift.
- USF issues
- E9-1-1 program budget cuts

It was determined that budget discussions would take place in executive session.

- *Motion: Gary Taylor moved to enter into executive session; 2nd by Jerome Pettinga. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Soni Johnson left the meeting room and executive session was entered at 11:55 AM.*
- *Motion: Bob Schlachter moved to exit from executive session; 2nd by Steve Gold. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Executive session ended at 1:35 PM.*

Adjournment

Motion: There being no further business, Steve Gold made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Bob Schlachter. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Soni Johnson, Clerk

2/26/15
Date

Amendment: Ben Pallowski s/b Ben Palkowski.
Amendment approved by Board at 4/15/15 general meeting.

Soni Johnson, Clerk

4/15/15
Date