

## Emergency Communications Advisory Board

June 12, 2025

**Members present:** Sheriff Jeff Easter, CIO Scott Wagner, Chief Kevin Lanterman, Asst. City Manager Donte Martin, Chief Brandon Russell, Chief Tammy Snow, Chief John Turner, and Chief Doug Williams.

**Alternate Board Members:** Deputy Chief Lem Moore, Greg Gann, and Deputy Director Angela Fuller.

**Also, present:** Director Elora Forshee, Deputy Director Alayna Moreno, Connor Murphy, and Rusty Leeds.

1. **Call to Order – Chief John Turner called the meeting to order with a quorum present.**
2. **Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2025 Meeting – Unanimous approval**
3. **Introduction of new board member, Scott Wagner, Chief Information Officer Sedgwick County**
4. **Director's Report – Director Forshee**
  - a. **2026 Budget Update** – The following budget requests have been made:
    - i. 20 FTEs for separation of call taking and dispatching. This budget request continues to progress. There was a question from Commission regarding whether or not this initiative was supported by the 911 Advisory Board, to which Director Forshee said yes, it was. **A motion was made for the Advisory Board to sign off on a letter in support of the budget initiative to have 20 more positions to separate out Call Taking and Dispatching. All members were in favor and the vote passed unanimously.**
    - ii. Phone Consoles to accommodate the additional positions
    - iii. Issues Reporting/Tracking System
    - iv. Accreditation Manager Position
    - v. Public Education/Recruitment, inclusive of a public surveying tool
  - b. **Resolution Update** – The resolution that established the Emergency Communications Advisory Board has been updated with the voted upon amendments from the Board. This will now go through legal review with both the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County legal before going before the City Council and County Commission for adoption.
  - c. **Encryption Update** – Emergency Communications is working through the purchasing process for a recording system that can record encrypted radio traffic. The Radio Shop is also finishing up encryption programming as agencies are still updating their radios with new purchases and upgrades.
5. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Operations Plan – Deputy Director Moreno** – The Non-Emergency Line will be extended this year by a few days, Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1800 through, Sunday, July 6 @ 0300. If agencies have operational plans for the holiday, please send them to Alayna Moreno, ([Alayna.Moreno@sedgwick.gov](mailto:Alayna.Moreno@sedgwick.gov)), by Friday, June 20.
6. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. **LE Subcommittee – Deputy Director Moreno** – No new info since last meeting, went through report call types.

- b. **EMS Subcommittee – Deputy Director Angela Fuller** – At the May 19 subcommittee meeting, they discussed the identification of “working fires”; preceding that meeting they met with the Wichita Police Department and the Wichita Fire Department about the encampment area near Hydraulic and MacArthur and directing the public during the need of safety. On June 11 they met and discussed the Safe Haven baby boxes, as well as following up on the ProQA updates.
- c. **Fire Subcommittee – Chief Snow** – May 7 meeting – WFD and SCFD have been working to supplement the training for fire dispatchers and those curriculum meetings have been occurring. The Radio Consultant vendor has been selected and we are waiting for that work to begin. Priority Dispatch will start work on EFD protocols in the coming months.

7. **Staffing Report – Director Forshee** – Academy of 12 Call Takers began May 27, 2025 currently overstaffed in the department by 10. We will be losing two employees within the month of June bringing down that number to eight overstaffed. The next Academy of Call Takers will begin in August 2025.

8. **Off Agenda Items – No Off Agenda Items.**

**Motion to Adjourn @ 1424**