**Minutes**

**Sedgwick County**

**Emergency Communications Advisory Board**

**October 11, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sheriff Bob Hinshaw, Chief Ron Blackwell, Dennis Mauk (alternate), Chief Norman Williams, Richard Vogt, Chief Bill Pater (alternate), Chief Tavis Leake (alternate)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Director Randy Bargdill, Chiefs: Ron Aaron, Brad Crisp and Elizabeth Snow, Mr. Brian Coon (COW Traffic Engineer), Mr. Jordan Schwening (Mid-American Signal), Mr. Ken Selvig (Global Traffic Technologies), Ms. Vallery Fields (MTA)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Sheriff Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 2.12 pm

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chief Ron Blackwell moved to accept the minutes of August 8, 2012 meeting Richard Vogt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Randy Bargdill briefed the board on the following:

1. Update regarding the non-emergency number
* It will be used again on New Year’s Eve. The functionality has been modified to play a recording alerting callers when the number is not staffed. It tells them to call 911 in the event of a real emergency and then disconnects.
1. 911 staffing situation
* Currently at full staffing. Still some significant training being done to transition call takers to dispatchers. Also working on getting dispatchers trained to work law enforcement channels. Hoping to have the Investigations Channel staffed within 45 days.
1. 911 to take dispatching responsibilities from Valley Center on 1/1/13:
* Have attended several meetings to deal with the logistics and technology needs for the transition.
* VCFD uses same voice paging technology as Derby FD. Working with the Radio Shop to keep VCFD’s pagers on line.
* Will be closely monitoring the police radio volume to ensure not an overload on the Sheriff Channel. Not anticipating any issues as 911 has been dispatching for VCPD for several years.
1. Digital radio system update:
	* Still in tower acquisition phase. Have secured 7 of 9 leases. Have made application with MAPC to get the go-ahead to build the 10th tower at Clonmel County Yards.
	* Project on schedule and within budget.
2. Opticom Educational Session:
* Ken Selvig (Global Traffic Technologies) and Jordan Schwening (Mid American Signal, Inc.) provided the group with a preview of an emergency vehicle as well as an MTA preemption solution.
1. Off Agenda items:
	* Sheriff Hinshaw asked if there was another meeting scheduled before December 15, 2012. He is retiring and wanted to make sure new officers were elected before this date. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2012
2. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

No audio recording of this meeting.