

Meeting of the
Fire Advisory Board

Thursday, January 19, 2023

NSR911 Center
18 Manning Ave
Middleton, MA 01949

Members Present: James Nolan, Amesbury Fire Chief; Jason Cleary, Manchester-by-the-Sea Fire Chief; Doug LeColst, Middleton Fire Chief, Jen Collins-Brown, Topsfield Fire Chief; Stephen Kavanagh Wenham Fire Chief.

Members Absent:

James Nolan, Amesbury Fire Chief; Ramie Reader Essex Fire Chief.

Non-Members Present: Tim Crosbie, EMS Coordinator, Manchester-by-the-Sea; Alyson Dell Isola, Director, NSR911; Chris Ryan, Deputy Director, NSR911; Lee Ann Delp, Operations Manager, NSR911; Katrina Shamshak, Training & QA Coordinator, NSR911.

Call to Order: at 1:07 P.M.

Public Comments: None

Approval of November 30, 2022, Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes with one spelling correction.

MOTION BY: Chief Kavanagh

SECONDED BY: Chief Cleary

VOTE: All present voted in favor

Project Updates:

Deputy Ryan provided updates on the following:

Paging Interface

Fire Hydrants

Merged Radio Channels

Fire Station Alerting Interface

Radio Improvement Projects

EMD Medical Director

On-Boarding of MBTS go live date needing to move forward, will be discussed further at the February Executive Advisory Board meeting.

Discussion regarding the future of Records Management System:

Chief Collins-Brown discussed how IMC does not work for the Fire Departments.

Update regarding Regional Ambulance Meetings:

Meetings are on-going; Chief Collins-Brown thanked Ryan for NSR911's participation.

Annual Review of fire/EMS operational policies:

Chief Collins-Brown spoke of Dispatchers being the most important link in firefighter safety; and the need to streamline processes.

Chief LeColst made a motion that fire department notification be added to the Amber Alerts General Order.

MOTION BY: Chief LeColst

SECONDED BY: Chief Cleary

VOTE: All present voted in favor

Chief Collins-Brown spoke of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) portable Radio Grant and working with NSR911 and member communities to apply.

Items that Could not be Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman until After the Meeting Posting Deadline:

Deputy Ryan advised the group of a recent communication from Rave Mobile (dba SwiftReach). NSR911 is working on migrating its emergency notification system to Rave Mobile as the SwiftReach product is end-of-life. Updates will be provided as we learn more.

Next Meeting:

April 13, 2023, at 10:00 A.M,

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 P.M.

MOTION BY: Chief LeColst

SECONDED BY: Chief Cleary

VOTE: All present voted in favor