



State of Vermont
Department of Public Safety
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MINUTES
October 19, 2022

Regional Dispatch Working Group

Present: Paul White, Lance Burnham, Robert Schalacher, Barbara Neal, Brian Peete, Mark Anderson, Anthony Cambridge

Absent: George Merkel, Drew Hazelton, Jack Helm

Others Attending: Karen Carr, Mandy Wooster, Stephen Whitaker, Kim Cheney, David Fox, Gwynn Zakov, Steve Locke, Randall Johnson, Ben Couture

1. Meet with invited guests (applicants for regional dispatch grant funds have been invited)
 - a. Chief Steve Locke gives overview of his grant application and current dispatch center for the South Burlington Fire Department and their long-term plan
 - b. Sheriff David Fox gives overview of his grant application and current dispatch center for Rutland County Sheriff and their long-term plan
 - c. Lieutenant Ben Couture gives overview of his grant application and current dispatch center for St. Albans Police Department and their long-term plan
2. Call to Order
 - a. Record the Meeting
 - b. Identify Workgroup Members Present
 - c. Meeting called to order at 8:56
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2022
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes by Lance Burnham, 2nd by Barbara Neal. All in favor.
5. Discuss new information received since last week (if any)
 - a. Discussion on completing the report and pieces we are waiting for
 - b. Currently, we do not have a replacement for Chief George Merkle on the working group pending his retirement in 10 days. Chief Peete has been working on soliciting someone to take this role.
6. Discuss next steps
 - a. Middlebury EMS will give overview of their grant application and long-term plan
 - b. We still need timelines from Montpelier and St. Johnsbury (Lance Burnham) to include in the report



7. Public comment
 - a. Kim Cheney gives public comment
 - b. Stephen Whitaker gives public comment

8. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 9:50