

Union County Radio Communications Council (RCC)

September 14, 2010

3:00 P.M.

IT Training Room – Government Center

Attendees:

Ben Bailey	Chairman, Union County Sheriffs Office
Dawn Hinkel	Union County Communications
Melvin Mattocks	Union County Communications
Paul Wilkerson	Charlotte Radio
Johnny Blythe	Union County Fire Chiefs Association
Neal Speer	Union County Fire Marshal
Tim Adams	Union EMS
Ron Fowler	Monroe Fire Department
Bryan Gilliard	Monroe Police Department
Bob Currie	NC Highway Patrol
Andy Cranfill	NC Forestry Service
Amanda Helms	Union County Communications
Randy Davis	City of Charlotte
Chuck Robinson	City of Charlotte

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bailey at 3:03p.m. A motion was made to approve the July 15, 2010 meeting minutes by Bryan Gilliard and seconded by Bob Currie. Motion carried.

Motorola gave Metrics report.

Paul Wilkerson informed the committee that Dennis Baucom has resigned his position effective October 15, 2010. Paul wanted to reassure the committee that things would continue moving forward with the news of Dennis leaving and that Charlotte is committed to Union County.

Old business started with discussions on speaker microphones. Motorola is unable to make the error happen again. If it does happen in the future, disconnect the radio and send it back. Motorola is continuing to work on the no voice after tone activation.

VIPER ID's: Chairman Bailey has all the police departments VIPER ID's. County Fire needs about 90. Johnny Blythe will get apparatus or name, serial number, model number and alias. Dawn Hinkel has the activation forms. Once a final total is counted, she will send to Mike Hoskins.

SBI and ALE have requested Union County talk groups. Dennis Baucom will send the state a key to program the radios. A decision needs to be made on what talk groups will be shared. County Fire wants to share all fire talk groups and events 1-16. Open discussion. Chairman Bailey indicated that at the next meeting, a final decision on talk group sharing would be presented. EMS is waiting on the re-touch to include their SWAT medics.

The Radio Update Form is completed. A motion was made to accept the form by Tim Adams and seconded by Bryan Gilliard. Motion carried. The form will be added online to the RCC webpage to allow for easy access.

Paul asked that everyone keep an excel spreadsheet to track the proposed template changes. Chairman Bailey will send out an email requesting each agency keep an excel spreadsheet. Chairman Bailey also indicated that they would like to use direct talk groups. Paul indicated that this needs to be added to the excel spreadsheet and then figure out which frequency to use. Paul said you can use a national tactical mutual aid channel which presents no user issues.

Dawn Hinkel would like to make a form for each agency indicating who is responsible for signing for changes and/or additions. She would like one person per agency. Union County Sheriffs Office will be Ben Bailey, Monroe Police Department will be Bryan Gilliard, Union EMS will be Tim Adams and Monroe Fire Department will be Andrew Ansley. The County Fire departments will be discussed at the next Chiefs meeting. The final decision will be made at the next meeting.

Monroe Police Department still needs to purchase radios. The re-touch will be done after the first of the year. There is no price on template changes. UCSO is going to remove the chirp on their radios. Monroe Fire Department inquired about the voice on the radio and Paul indicated that they would incur the cost for that.

The re-touch with template changes for all the radios will be done after the 1st of the year. No price on templates changes has been given.

The question came about the process for radio repairs. Dawn said that if it was a programming issue, to bring it to her and she would make contact with Paul and have it picked up. If it's a problem with the radio then Carolina Communications can check it. The outcome was to take the radio to Carolina Communications first then if they can't fix it, give it to Dawn and she will contact Paul. They are still working on the inter-local agreement with Charlotte about getting a person here in Union County full time.

Red Cross currently has 2 portable radios and is requesting to get an 800 radio. Bryan Gilliard said he would check on the possibly of the City of Monroe allocating a radio for Red Cross since their radios were being purchased on a grant. Chief Fowler said that 4 additional radios are coming to Union County to be added to the cash of radios (3 UASI and 1 DPR). The plans to program the 20 radios that are coming from the state are to wait until the retouch. Chairman Bailey inquired as to what the radios will be programmed with. Chief Fowler requested that those radios be programmed so they could use them for upcoming events like the parade and air show. It was discussed about the cost of programming the radios now and then reprogramming with the retouch.

Charlotte UASI received a grant for an LTE Network moving to 700 MHz spectrum with a 24 antenna center core. They anticipate starting in center city with access, eventually extending out to the UASI counties, and possibly the entire state. Union County should monitor their progress and look for opportunities to integrate into the project.

The next PACC meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2010 at Terrell Fire Department from 10:00am-2:00pm. The next Charlotte RCC is scheduled for September 24, 2010.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 3:00pm in the Personnel Training Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda J. Helms
Secretary, Radio Communications Council