

**INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK OF THE SOUTH BAY JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes: March 3, 2020

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Operations Committee of the Interoperability Network of the South Bay (INSB) Joint Powers Authority convened at 09:30 AM on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in the City of Hawthorne – Police Department Community Room, 12501 Hawthorne Blvd, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

2. ROLL CALL BY CHAIR

Present: Assit. Chief Carl Besanceney, Torrance FD
 Lt. Landon Phillips, Hermosa Beach PD
 Ofc. Matt Slawson, Torrance PD
 Lt. Vincente Osorio, Gardena PD
 Sgt. Chris Wiley, Hawthorne PD
 Lt. Hugo Perez, El Segundo PD
 CSO Mike Sweeney, Manhattan Beach PD
 Div. Chief Isaac Yang, Redondo Beach FD

Also Present: Jerry Edwards, City of Torrance
 Dennis Faro, City of Torrance
 John Krok, SBRPCA
 Shannon Kauffman, SBRPCA
 Thomas Luce

3. REPORT OF THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Sgt. Wiley confirmed the proper posting of the agenda at the City of Hawthorne and City of Torrance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Manhattan Beach resident Thomas Luce requested INSB PD agencies remain operating in the clear and not to encrypt communications for the scanner enthusiasts

5. REPORTS

- A. Update on Governance Board discussion related to Manhattan Beach water tower site renovation project. Cost to obtain a “radio on wheels” truck to act as a temporary radio site from LA RICS

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was \$500,000. Governance Board determined INSB would not move forward with this option and is continuing to consider alternate options to ensure the site remains operational during the construction.

- B. RCC and Redondo Beach dispatch centers experienced an INSB outage several weeks ago for an approximate 2.5 hour period. The issue seemed to be the audio from dispatch was not coming out from the Avtec consoles. Torrance dispatch center did not report the same issue. RCC and Redondo agencies utilized their access channels during this outage.
- C. John Krok advised the technical support ticket system is operational, just waiting for final approval and implementation. This will allow INSB users to support trouble tickets and improve logging of issues.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes from both the February meeting were approved.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Nominations / change of personnel was determined and finalized during the meeting:
 - i. Committee Chair: Torrance FD Assist.Chief Carl Besanceney
Committee Vice Chair: Hermosa Beach PD Lt. Landon Phillips
 - ii. City of El Segundo – Primary: PD Lt. Hugo Perez, Alternate: PD Lt. Ray Garcia
Primary: FD Bat.Chief Shawn Bonfield, Alternate: Capt. Ryan Allee
 - iii. City of Gardena – Primary: PD Lt. Vicente Osorio, Alternate: not currently available
 - iv. City of Hawthorne – Primary: PD Sgt. Chris Wiley, Alternate: not currently available
 - v. City of Hermosa Beach – Primary: PD Lt. Landon Phillips, Alternate: PD Lt. Dorothy Scheid
 - vi. City of Manhattan Beach – Primary: PD Lt. Matthew Sobosky, Alternate: PD CSO Michael Sweeney
 - vii. City of Redondo Beach - Primary: PD Sgt. Justin Korte, Alternate: not currently available
Primary: FD Div.Chief Isaac Yang, Alternate: Capt. Ben Bellante
 - viii. City of Torrance - Primary: FD Assist.Chief Carl Besanceney, Alternate: PD Ofc. Matt Slawson
- B. INSB Red Channel – discussed the protocol and plan moving forward for the INSB red channel which will be used by the INSB PDs. The purpose is for the INSB PD agencies to have knowledge of critical incidents taking place throughout the region. If a certain type of scenario occurs, the respective dispatch center handling the incident will patch the primary PD channel in with the Red channel, so all radio traffic taking place on the PD channel with the emergency

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will be heard on the Red channel. All agencies will have their portable and mobile radios programmed with the Red channel in the scan list as a priority scan member (so the Red will come up in the scan list over other channels being scanned). Officers will not be forced to scan, however those officers who chose to enable scan will hear the traffic on the Red channel. During mutual aid scenarios, if/when the Red channel is patched, responding agencies can simply switch to the Red channel and be on the incident channel since the Red channel will be programmed in the Channel 16 position on all PD portable and mobile radios in their respective home zones. This will allow officers to simply switch their radios over the Red channel and be on the incident without having to change zones. The Red channel will be encrypted.

- C. Decided that approved "affiliate" members of INSB who have been granted access to certain INSB talkgroups will have their radios programmed by CommLine. The Governance Board will approve which talkgroups and encryption is approved. This information will be provided to CommLine who will do the appropriate programming.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

Lt. Phillips expressed sense of accomplishment on behalf of the INSB committees that we have met the expectations that were set forth for the group. However, we have been receiving complaints from end-users. Some complaints sound to be related to end-users not yet used to the new system, however others have been substantiated technical issues. Lt. Phillips reminded the group we can always improve as we move forward and encourages everyone to continue to put forth their best efforts for the betterment of the system.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.