

## Westcomm Operations Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2024 – Virtual Meeting

### Present:

City of Chicopee: Police Chief Patrick Major, Fire Chief Dan Stamborski, Deputy Police Chief Eric Watson

Town of Longmeadow: Police Chief Robert Stocks, Deputy Fire Chief John Rigney

Town of Monson: Fire Chief Brian Harris, Police Chief Stephen Kozloski

Town of Ware: Police Chief Shawn Crevier, Fire Chief James Martinez

Town of East Longmeadow: Fire Chief Paul Morrissette, Police Chief Mark Williams

Westcomm: Executive Director Erin Hastings, Deputy Director Khristy Lord, IT Director Jay Parker

Horizon Technologies: Dan Ouellette, Rob Wells, and Jay Macsata

Meeting called to order by Chief Brian Harris, Chair, at 10:10AM.

Discussion with Dan Ouellette and his staff from Horizon Technologies. The discussions revolved primarily around concerns with Monson and their significant coverage gaps in the Westcomm system as currently configured. Chief Kozloski noted the many concerns that his officers have been sharing with him and the officer safety implications to abandoning their old radios and making everyone go on the Westcomm system now in its present state. Ideas were shared about how to best address this issue, and conversations will continue with Horizon and the Monson Chiefs.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Chief Martinez to approve the meeting minutes from 7-22-24. Chief Williams seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

### Old Business:

- Chief Harris sent the Annual Assessment Report to Board of Directors Chair Christensen with the Annual Assessment Report and the Chiefs' evaluation forms.

### New Business:

- Director Hastings is waiting on a quote for cables to complete the Zello project
- Director Hastings emailed a draft RFP for a Radio System Consultant just prior to the meeting. Many members said they did not have a chance to review it yet. Director Hastings said that due

to the need to have analysis done while there is foliage on the trees, in addition to funding the cost, she feels this project will not likely happen before next year.

- Director Hastings asked the police Chiefs about the status of their efforts to come up with a way to reduce or eliminate outside detail requests from coming in via the dispatch center. Chief Williams reported that he had

Next in person meeting was scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Ware FD. One-on-one meetings with the Executive Director will happen in October.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34AM by a unanimous vote.

Minutes prepared by Chief Mark Williams, Vice Chair