

El Paso – Teller County E9-1-1 Authority

February 9, 2010

Special Session

Meeting Minutes

- Authority Members Present:** Darin Anstine, Michael Gower, Jim Grayson, Ken Moore, Bud Silloway and Marcus Woodward.
- Authority Members Absent:** Sue Autry, Keith Buckmiller and Ron Gibson.
- Vacancies:** None.
- Other Personnel Present:** James Anderson, System Manager, and Christy Davis, Administrative Assistant.

1) Call to Order:

The February 9, 2010 special session meeting of the El Paso – Teller E9-1-1 Authority was called to order at 1:04 PM by Chariman, Jim Grayson. The meeting was held in the E9-1-1 boardroom, located at 2350 Airport Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

2) Act on requests of Authority Members who have asked to be excused:

Ron Gibson asked to be excused.

3) New Business:

A - Discuss City of Fountain's Request for Operations Assessment.

Fountain Police Chief Dan Corsentino attended the meeting and made the presentation, as Fountain City Manager Scott Trainor was ill.

Chief Corsentino began his presentation by stating that he was not sure if the request was within the scope of the Authority Board. He then distributed a letter from Fountain City Manager Trainor, which formalized the request he was bringing forward today. The letter indicated that the City of Fountain wished to contract with the El Paso - Teller County E9-1-1 Authority to conduct an operational assessment of the Fountain Communication Center, which is also the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Fountain.

The request included the evaluation of PSAP personnel performance, work schedules, staffing levels, and policies and procedures. Also requested, was a recommendation as to whether or not the Fountain PSAP should remain within the Fountain Police Department. The evaluation process would likely be over a period of a year.

One member of the public voiced her concern that the request was for services beyond the scope of the Authority and that such an outside assessment by a third party would likely have a negative impact on the personnel in the center.

Several board members expressed their opinion that the Authority should continue to provide technology and support for the PSAPs in the 2-county area, but not become involved in agency specific policies and procedures. Individual PSAP managers should be encouraged to communicate with each other through the PSAP Managers Meetings, and individually, to obtain information and suggestions pertaining to the day-to-day operation of their centers.

One board member suggested Fountain consider creating a team, similar to an accreditation compliance committee, to assist in the evaluation. The City of Fountain could also issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) to contract with a third party for the assessment. The Authority System Manager might be able to provide Fountain with a few contacts that might be appropriate to assist them; however, Mr. Anderson was directed to not participate in writing any such RFP or the evaluation of potential vendors during Fountain's selection process. This project that Fountain wishes to embark upon must remain totally independent of the Authority and the Authority's employees.

Chief Corsentino thanked the board for their consideration and stated he would take the Board's comments back to the Fountain City Manager.

4) Adjournment:

A motion was made by Michael Gower to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ken Moore.

Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM

Submitted for Approval By:

Michael Gower, Authority Secretary