

RESOLUTION R-74-07
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A STATEMENT OF INTEROPERABILITY

WHEREAS, Interoperability is the system and equipment that permits municipal responders at incidents to communicate with other responders and support agencies, regardless of their affiliation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton understands the importance of the development and implementation of an interoperable communications system for DuPage County communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton recognizes the technologically complex nature of this undertaking; and

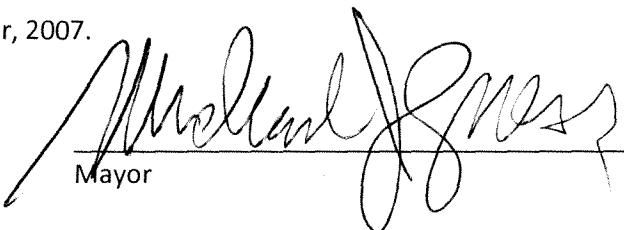
WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton will be individually benefited by formally establishing positions on Interoperability, thereby giving clear direction to officials and employees of the City of Wheaton regarding positions that may be represented in an official capacity or on behalf of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton is also a member of DuPage Public Safety Communications, DU-COMM and, as such, further supports the Department of Homeland Security's Project SAFECOM model of Interoperability and the Interoperability Continuum. This model includes a five-step approach including governance, policy and procedures, technology, training and usage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton hereby adopts as its position a Statement of Interoperability attached herein as Attachment A and the DU-COMM Addendum.

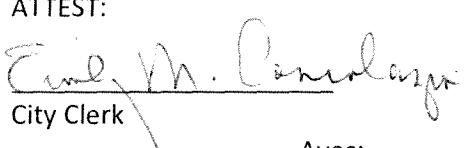
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and to department heads in the City of Wheaton.

ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2007.



Michael J. Jones
Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily M. Donolagan
City Clerk

Ayes:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mouhelis
Councilman Prendiville
Councilman Suess
Councilwoman Corry
Councilman Johnson
Councilman Levine
Mayor Gresk

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Motion Carried Unanimously

ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF WHEATON
STATEMENT OF INTEROPERABILITY

The City of Wheaton has developed the following Statement of Interoperability to reflect the municipal view of this project:

Interoperability is the system and equipment that permits municipal responders at incidents to communicate with other responders and support agencies, regardless of their affiliation.

In order to guide the technicians who will physically create interoperability in DuPage, the City of Wheaton offers the following expectations and goals:

1. The Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) has provided funding for the "backbone" of an interoperability system, but the oversight of the implementation of this system must be shared between the ETSB, the Interoperability Steering Committee, the DuPage County Department of Homeland Security, and the municipal stakeholders.
2. Use and benefits of the interoperable network by the Fire Service to cover handling of the national Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) should be speedily addressed.
3. Adequate, qualified staff must be dedicated to support this project.
4. Regular, detailed reports on project progress must be provided to stakeholders.
5. All future system and hardware purchases will be made through a competitive bidding process that allows all vendors to compete equally for such purchases. ETSB and municipal stakeholders should be making equipment choices that will be expected to last for ten years.
6. Municipal stakeholders must have significant, detailed notice of need for future purchases in order to include them in the local budget cycle. Municipalities should be informed of the timelines for development of the interoperable system, including the equipment (portables, consoles, etc.) for which replacement is best deferred by the municipality or which equipment is most suitable as a specified replacement before the availability of the interoperable network. The ETSB should also explore opportunities to facilitate joint purchasing of necessary equipment.
7. The system developed for DuPage municipalities must be fully compliant with the Telecommunications Industry Association's (TIA) Project 25 standards documents and compatible for future technology upgrade, including specifications for two slot Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA). TDMA is anticipated to be the Project 25 standard for sharing radio frequencies.

8. The interoperable system must be capable of integration with all existing systems, equipment or hardware currently in use by any public safety agency in DuPage County.
9. The system must have national interoperability. It must support communications with any system in the county, the region, the state, or the country.
10. The ETSB must remain cognizant of the financial limitations of local governments and will explore and pursue alternative funding sources whenever possible.
11. Municipal stakeholders should understand the costs if Fire, Emergency, and Public Works operations are not included in the interoperable network.
12. Municipal stakeholders need to understand any capacity restrictions on entry to the interoperable network, including charges for future entry at any point in development of the system.