



Tompkins County Legislature

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Department: Department of Emergency Response

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RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 7300*

1 **Adoption of Inter-Municipal Emergency Communications Agreement**
2 **and Bylaws – Emergency Response Oversight Committee (EROC)**

3 WHEREAS, the local governments of Tompkins County and our emergency response community have since
4 1950 worked collaboratively to develop and implement a variety of shared communications systems and technologies
5 that provide our responders with necessary, reliable, and resilient tools to assist in the performance of public safety
6 protection, and
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8 WHEREAS, the County has long provided for the diverse, inclusive involvement and input of the many
9 response disciplines, municipalities, and County departments in developing and administering these shared assets and
10 functions under the auspices of advisory boards, inter-municipal committees, and user groups, and
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12 WHEREAS, the County recognizes the hard work, dedication, and outstanding results contributed to these
13 initiatives and operations through the efforts of the Fire, Disaster, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory
14 Board (first organized in 1950), the E911 Task Force (established in 1990), the 911 Operations Committee (1998), the
15 expanded Emergency Communications Review and Oversight Committee (2002), the Law Enforcement Technology
16 Shared Services (LETSS) Group (2008), the Fire and EMS Technology Committee (FEMTech, 2014), and the
17 respective fire, EMS, and law enforcement associations, and
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19 WHEREAS, these efforts resulted in the implementation of Enhanced 911 (1997), wireless 911 (2000),
20 consolidated dispatch operations (2001-2004), an Emergency Communications Center (2004), the Public Safety
21 Communications System (land mobile radio, 2008), shared Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS, 2009), expansive
22 Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems (CAD/RMS, 2010), and multiple shared data
23 repositories enhanced through the deployment of mobile data terminals (MDTs, 2010-2016), all of which have
24 produced integrated, state-of-the-art networks, applications, and operations, and
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26 WHEREAS, the establishment of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), as adopted by the
27 Tompkins County Legislature in August 2006 and by all local governments thereafter, has institutionalized and
28 continually reinforced the principles of unified command, incident management, and interoperable communications
29 systems and strategies, and
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31 WHEREAS, the sophistication and continued integration of both legacy and developing communications
32 systems, technologies, and protocols will require even more collaboration, coordination, and participatory governance,
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35 WHEREAS, the functions of these many boards, committees, and groups have consequently, yet unofficially,
36 converged to leverage the respective assets and infrastructure for use by an increasing pool of responder agencies, and
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38 WHEREAS, evolving Next Generation 911 technologies, advancing data applications and unfolding public
39 safety broadband networks will further require our public safety agencies to synthesize operations and more closely
40 cooperate in the development of operating procedures and protocols, and
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42 WHEREAS, moving forward, the various advisory bodies and users groups have agreed that a reconstituted
43 ECROC, that incorporates, within this broad governance structure, the continued efforts of the various users groups,
44 including LETSS, FEMTech, and the Law Enforcement and Fire and EMS Committees, will best serve the collective
45 needs of the local governments and responders for future shared initiatives and operations, now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That the Emergency Communications Review and Oversight Committee (ECROC) is hereby reconstituted and renamed as the Emergency Response and Oversight Committee (EROC) and that the EROC Bylaws and Inter-municipal Tompkins County Emergency Response Oversight Committee Agreement be adopted and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature,

RESOLVED, further, That those currently appointed members of ECROC whose memberships remain identified for continued membership on the EROC shall transfer to the new body and that newly designated members will be appointed in conformance with the Policies and Procedures of Tompkins County Government, Policy 01-26,

RESOLVED, further, That Resolution No. 112 of 2009, “Adoption of Inter-municipal Law Enforcement Technology Shared Service (LETSS) Group Agreement and Bylaws - Law Enforcement Technology Shared Service (LETSS),” is hereby rescinded and all functions hereafter transferred to the EROC and its identified committee structures.

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Summary

Emergency Response Oversight Committee Reorganization & Delegation of Duties- Fire, Disaster & EMS Advisory Board

- Tompkins County provides and coordinates many shared services, technologies, equipment and data to the public safety community and first responders.
- Numerous advisory boards, oversight committees, and task groups provide governance and guidance to county departments and systems users.
- These committees were formed over many decades for narrowly defined purposes.
- The memberships and functions of these committees are in many instances duplicative, and in some cases, inactive.
- The use of, and access to county provided equipment and accumulated data is extensive, growing exponentially and crosses jurisdictions, disciplines and various levels of government.
- These technologies are an integral component of daily operations and responses.
- A high level of coordination and decision making is necessary to allow for the proper and universal access to the systems and data.
- A high level of security and compliance coordination is necessary to meet federal, state and local regulations, which is best provided through the collective development and enforcement of policy, procedure, and training for multi-agency, centralized systems.
- Emerging technologies, including “Next Generation 911” and Public Safety Broadband initiatives will require an increasing attention to oversight and policy.
- Current structures are an impediment to efficient decision making.

These resolutions will streamline decision making, include additional stakeholders, and ensure that governance reflects the highest level of coordination and participation possible, through:

- The reorganization of the Emergency Communications Review and Oversight Committee into an “Emergency Response Oversight Committee” that governs use and coordination of all shared communications/data technologies and equipment.
- The inclusion of municipal governments, Department of Information Technology, expanded users’ representatives and the District Attorney’s Office.
- Formal incorporation of LETSS and FEMTec activities into the governance structure.
- Delegation of Fire, Disaster & EMS Advisory Board functions to Fire & EMS Sub-Committee of EROC, ensuring that operational plans and technologies are fully integrated.

- 1 • Mutual Aid Agreements that are globally developed and inclusive.
- 2 This is a structure that builds upon the successes of the past and positions public safety for the comprehensive and
- 3 complex decision making that will be required in the future.