Area-wide Records Management System

ARMS Policy Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 18, 2017

3:30 PM

PLACE: City of Urbana – 2nd Floor Conference Room

400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Jeff Christensen, UIPD

Chief Anthony Cobb, CPD Chief Sylvia Morgan, UPD Sheriff Dan Walsh, CCSO Lt. Jeff Wooten, RPD

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sanford Hess, Urbana IT

Dave Wakefield, Urbana IT

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm by chair Walsh.

2. Additions to the Agenda

- Chief Morgan brought up online reports by citizens, and said that CPD has some entry form for that.
 - Chief Cobb said that a form exists, but that the information is then entered by staff; it is not automatically updated to ARMS or Tiburon.
 - Sanford asked to discuss that under New Business.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the agenda by Lt. Wooten, seconded by Chief Christensen.
- The minutes passed unanimously.

4. Public Input

There was none.

5. Staff Report

eCitations

- Sanford said that we're waiting on a file from Quicket that would contain the Citation data.
- Dave Wakefield added that there's some programming that would be needed, and that there are many fields on the input file.
- Chief Cobb asked for a timeframe on next steps.
 - Sanford said the decision was made by the Agencies to wait for the interface before the pilot would begin.
 - Sanford estimated a July-August timeframe for the CCSO to begin their pilot.

Development Update:

 Sanford explained that another piece of programming recently was to improve the process to import Field Reports into ARMS records. This should speed up the data entry significantly, and (for e-Citations) a lot less direct data entry.

Case Management

- Since February, a working group from most jurisdictions has been walking through Case Management and deciding on Best Practices. This was the next item prioritized by the User Group.
- Sanford said that a big success was to import JANO information and match that information to Case Numbers to better track and manage which cases were closed in JANO.
- There were some suggestions coming out of the working group to improve the Case Management screens.

Budget

 Sanford noted that the City finalized its allocated budget numbers, and this led to a \$900 increase in the overall ARMS budget, which changes the amounts to be billed for ARMS.

IACP Technology Conference

 Sanford said that he is attending the IACP conference to learn about CAD/RMS software packages.

MDC Connectivity

- There was a meeting on May 17 to discuss the lag in connections through the MDCs.
- Sanford said that Motorola is conducting some tracing on the MDCs and comparing that without passing through IWIN.
- Sanford said that all indications point to the State as the issue, and escalating the issue seems to be the problem.

6. Reports of committees and officers.

There were none.

7. Unfinished business.

- The group discussed the "Arrest-Related Deaths" UCR information.
 - Chief Morgan noted that a change since the first discussion was to have four codes to identify the types of Arrest-Related deaths.
 - Sanford reported that this suggestion came from CCSO, to capture the information once.
 - The group discussed that this makes it more complicated for officers.
 - Chief Cobb asked about a two-step process where selecting "Arrest-Related Deaths" would cause the second box to require an answer.
 - After some discussion, the discussion was made to remain with the single option for Arrest Disposition.
 - Sanford said that some renaming of the Arrest Dispositions will occur, and the new option will be called "In Custody Death".
- Parkland College has expressed interest in using ARMS.
 - The board discussed whether there is a need for an IGA.
 - Sanford reported that the agreement states that there needs to be an IGA for Governmental Agencies by the Lead Agency, with written notice to the others.
 - The board directed Sanford to pursue that path.

8. New Business

- Election of a new Vice-Chair.
 - Chief Christensen nominated Chief Morgan. Lt. Wooten seconded.
 - Chief Morgan was elected Vice-Chair unanimously.
- Online police reports
 - Sanford described that entities can create their own online forms, and that each entity would need to then create a file in a layout for ARMS Import.
 - The Policy Board suggested that this be sent to the ARMS User Group for discussion. For example, how many teleserves are collected?

9. Adjournment.

 The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM. Chief Cobb motioned for adjournment, and Chief Christensen seconded. The vote was unanimous.