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December 9, 2025

Regular Meeting

Item #7d. – CRIS Update Staff Report

CRIS Status Update for the 12/8/25 meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors

- On 11/18/25 Kirk Hartstrom met with representatives from Northern Inyo Hospital regarding installing a CRIS radio at that facility for communications with Mono County EMS department staff. The value proposition in this situation may not be obvious to the hospital, with the key sticking point being the cost of upgrading their systems to accommodate an additional radio channel. We are continuing the conversation and exploring additional options.
- Late in the day on 11/18/25, we were notified that the analog Fire/Sheriff repeaters on Antelope Mountain over Benton were not working. After investigation it was determined that the site had lost power. The site was difficult to access due to recent snow, but over the course of several days the Mono County IT Communications staff visited the site, diagnosed the issue, and replaced the aging battery system, increasing capacity by 45%.
- The dispatch console update process originally scheduled for 11/19 was postponed because of the Antelope Mtn issue and has been rescheduled for Wednesday December 10th.
- On 11/20/25 I received notice from CalOES that the fiber optic connection from California Broadband Cooperative on Conway Summit is now fully active and in use as the primary communications path for the June Challet CRIS site.
- We received an update from CalOES on 12/2/25 regarding negotiations with AT&T for the Antelope Mountain site overlooking Benton. AT&T risk management has approved the lease, and it is now transitioning to their legal department for review. We will continue to engage and encourage progress as this site will likely be the last brought online.
- On 12/2/25 we performed several successful tests of the new Unication Pagers for Fire and Medics alerts on the CRIS system and now have a functioning proof of concept configuration that will be implemented and distributed more widely for further testing and validation.

- We continue to interface with our partner agencies in the area. Subsequent to the Unified Command meeting on 12/3/25 we have had follow-up conversations with the United States Forest Service District Fire Management Officer, and the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Telecommunications Specialist regarding interoperable communications on CRIS, which is available to them as no cost secondary subscribers.
- The radio shelter for the Antelope Valley Fire Station CRIS site was delivered Thursday 12/4/25. A big thank you to Cory Gonzales and the Public Works crew who assisted with unloading the 6,000lb shelter. It is staged on AVFD property while we continue to work through the permitting process for the foundation, which is complicated as this is classified as a category IV critical infrastructure building.