

RESOLUTION NO. R-88-08

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOCUS
FOR THE DUPAGE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD AND THE
INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK

WHEREAS, the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) was created to oversee the emergency dispatch services for many municipalities and fire protection districts in DuPage County as required by Illinois State statute in 50 ILCS 750/15.4; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton is located within the DuPage ETSB service area; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage ETSB By-Laws specify that the ETSB will consist of representatives of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Du-Comm, the DuPage Chiefs of Police, the DuPage Fire Chiefs, the DuPage County Sheriff, the County of DuPage, and the at-large public within the DuPage ETSB service area; and

WHEREAS, the ETSB has entered into the Interoperable Radio Network Project with the goal of achieving interoperable communications between police, fire, public works, and other emergency response personnel throughout DuPage County, and similar entities neighboring DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the ETSB established a Steering Committee to oversee implementation of the Project, chaired by a municipal manager and including representatives from the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, the DuPage Chiefs of Police, DuPage Fire Chiefs, DuPage municipal public works directors, and the DuPage County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2007, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference membership adopted a *Statement of Interoperability* outlining the municipal view of this Project with specific expectations and goals including:

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; and

WHEREAS, the expertise needed for all ETSB activity, including actions related to the Project, can be gathered exclusively from the ETSB stakeholders and public safety organizations; and

WHEREAS, these same entities, through the Steering Committee and the ETSB are responsible for the positive progress that has been achieved thus far on the Project; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate feasibility and success of the Project is completely dependent on cooperation from municipalities and fire protection districts that would be participants in the Interoperable Radio Network; and

WHEREAS, commitment by user groups to join the Interoperable Radio Network is essential at the start of the Project to ensure that the investments made in the foundational infrastructure of the system are worthwhile and beneficial;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wheaton supports creation of an Intergovernmental Agreement with provisions governing administration, governance, funding, and management of the Interoperable Radio Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Intergovernmental Agreement should include a provision whereby signatories are committed to ultimately joining as users of the Interoperable Radio Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wheaton supports the use of ETSB funds, to the extent available and agreed to by the above-mentioned stakeholders, to support the purchase of necessary consoles and subscriber radio units for use by public safety jurisdictions participating in the Interoperable Radio Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Wheaton strongly opposes any alteration of the structure of the ETSB, especially any addition of ETSB members that would dilute the current authority or rebalance the proportional representation of the stakeholders and public safety entities currently participating with the ETSB and the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the members of the ETSB and the ETSB Interoperable Radio Network Steering Committee, the DuPage County Board Chairman and members of the DuPage County Board, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, the DuPage Fire Chiefs Association, the DuPage Chiefs of Police Association, the DuPage County Sheriff, and the Du-Comm Executive Director.

ADOPTED by the City of Wheaton on this 15th day of December, 2008.

Attest:

Emily M. Consolape
City Clerk

William J. Gresk
Mayor

Ayes:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mouhelis
Councilman Prendiville
Councilman Sues
Councilman Johnson
Mayor Gresk

Nays:

None

Absent:

Councilwoman Corry
Councilman Levine

Motion Carried Unanimously