

DaneCom Update

The DaneCom Governing Board met on 7/27/17 and reviewed the Operations and Maintenance cost sharing model.

Currently Dane County pays 30% and DaneCom Members (towns/cities/villages) pay 70% of O&M. There are 4 towns that are not paying members. Dane County covers the cost of the non-member towns and O&M for systems additions (Stoughton tower) made after the DaneCom agreement. John DeJung announced that the town of Medina recently became a paying member of DaneCom.

DaneCom Members costs are proportioned based on municipal population (50%) and equalized value (50%). Estimated municipal O&M charges through 2022 based on this model were distributed. The Board reviewed system use data and discussed a possible O&M cost sharing model based on system use and number of radios. Since there is only a few months of use data, the Board decided to collect more data and revisit the topic in January 2018 at its next meeting.

Updates on the system and performance during the 7/19/17 storm (the busiest day by far for the system) were also discussed.

John DeJung is putting together an Interoperability Team. The Team will work on modeling a training for DaneCom users to better optimize the system by non-technical means, human interactions, protocols, exercises, best practices, etc.