10- MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT (MCU)

10.1 GENERAL

York County 911 operates a Mobile Communications Unit (MCU) and an Incident Dispatch Team (IDT). The IDT consists of an IDT Director, three IDT Leaders and certified/qualified dispatchers who have received specialized training to perform communications, resource status, and documentation support at an incident scene. The IDT and MCU is available and equipped to respond to incidents within the County of York and the South Central Task Force at the request of an Incident Commander (IC).

10.2 RESOURCES

The MCU is a 33 foot mobile-home type vehicle. It is equipped with 3 dispatch work stations to the front and a command post in the rear. The unit has all the capabilities of the communications center. It also contains a cache of 6 portable radios. The vehicle has satellite internet and telephones, Direct TV, portable weather monitoring station, and a 25 foot mast-mounted camera. The vehicle has the capability to operate with other communications units and agencies by using integrated technology.

The communications are completely interoperable and consist of low band, VHF, UHF, Open Sky, 800 MHz radio, 512 MHz radio, aviation and marine radios.

The command post features a conference area, Smart Board, white boards, plotter, and projector. There are 5 monitors to view the computers, television and camera. An outside work area can be established under an awning. It includes tables, chairs, easels and white board. Wi-Fi access is available. There is a small galley with a microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker and toilet.

The vehicle has an on-board generator and a shore line for electric power. It can also be connected to local telephone lines.
10.3 DISPATCH CRITERIA

The unit is automatically deployed with the Police Quick Response Team (QRT) and HAZMAT Team for emergency responses.

The unit is placed on stand-by for Level IV Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI) and 3rd alarms structure fires.

The unit can be requested for an incident by an Officer in Charge (OIC) from police, fire, or ems.