

CHAPTER 36
(Revised 6-1-1998)
**BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS BOARD**

36.00 1. Brown County Public Safety Communications Board. There is hereby established, pursuant to Sec. 59.07(11) and Sec. 59.083 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a Public Safety Communications Board for Brown County.

2. Statement of Purpose. The Board established herein shall provide the County's citizens with the most efficient and economical handling of emergency calls and the rapid dispatching of life and property saving services provided by the various police, fire and emergency medical services units of Brown County municipalities.

3. Membership. (a) The Board established herein shall consist of 11 members, as numbered below. Members shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors. Members numbered 7 and 8 shall be nominated by the Mayor of Green Bay. Members 9, 10 & 11 shall be members by virtue of their status as public officials and their names, or the names of their designees shall be submitted to the County Executive for appointment. In order to achieve representation of the major users of the communication system, appointments shall be made according to the following and shall consist of:

1. Green Bay Citizen Representative
2. Brown County Board Representative
3. Representative of Brown County Fire Chiefs Association
4. Representative of Brown County EMS Council
5. Village of Ashwaubenon Public Safety Representative
6. City of De Pere Police or Fire Representative
7. Green Bay City Council Representative
8. Green Bay Mayor or designee

The 3 public official members or their designees shall be:

9. Brown County Sheriff or designee
10. City of Green Bay Police Chief or designee
11. City of Green Bay Fire Chief or Designee

(b) The Brown County Sheriff, Green Bay Police Chief, Green Bay Fire Chief, and Green Bay Mayor shall serve for a term consistent with the public position held and the other members shall serve a term of 2 years, which shall be staggered with four members expiring every other year. If any of the members numbered 8 through 11 intend to nominate a designee, they shall inform the County Executive of that designee at least 45 days prior to the commencement of the two year term of the designee. Designees shall serve for the two year term or for a term consistent with the public position for whom they are the designee.

(c) The members of the Board shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The officers so elected shall serve a term of 2 years.

(d) The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Board. In the event that the Chairperson is unable to preside at a meeting of the Board, it will be the responsibility of the Vice-Chairperson to preside at the meeting.

(e) Minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be kept and filed with the County Clerk.

(f) Vacancies occurring for any reason shall be filled by appointment of a successor for the unexpired term of the vacated member in the manner prescribed for original appointment.

4. Powers and Duties. The Board shall, subject to the overall policy oversight by the County Board of Supervisors exercise the following powers, duties and responsibilities within the specific restrictions of powers as set forth in subsection (5).

(a) Assure integration of communications services for receiving citizens' emergency calls and dispatching emergency service units in Brown County.

(b) Recommend to the Brown County Board of Supervisors, the adoption of resolutions and ordinances necessary for the conduct of emergency communications.

(c) Act as a body through which the citizens of Brown County can submit public input on any and all issues relating to the provisions and functioning of emergency communications and the dispatch of emergency services units in the Brown County community.

(d) Adopt such bylaws necessary and incidental to carrying out the purposes and functions set forth in this chapter.

5. Limitations on Board Powers. The Board shall have the following restrictions on its powers:

The Public Safety Communications Board shall have no authority, on any basis, to levy taxes or borrow money.

6. Operating Procedures. The Public Safety Communications Board shall review procedures to implement, operate and maintain a Communications System adequately designed to handle citizens' calls for police, fire and emergency medical services as well as the dispatch of participating field units within Brown County.