

Minutes of the Monthly DPW Partnership Council Meeting, Sep 02

The Monthly DPW Partnership Council Meeting was held 19 Sep 02, 1315, DPW CR 1, Bldg 4612. Nancy Niemann chaired the meeting.

Attendees were:

Linda A. Wilson
Rhonda Taylor
Gary D. Hammerschmidt
Nancy Niemann
Gary Blanchard
Cheryl Kielman
Claude E. Callahan
Tommy Cassidy
Kathy Jackson
Bobby Hall
Karen Callaway
Don Young
H. Brown

Old Business:

- Cell Phone Antennas – They have been installed in 3 Maintenance buildings that needed them.
- Status of R&U – Don Young has attended training provided by G3 to the R&U teams. Don conducted a survey of 100 completed service calls. Still working on getting R&U teams established in some units. He will continue conducting a monthly survey to make sure everything is working properly. Karen Callaway said the reopening of the Self-Help Issue Point is an issue that will be addressed in the next few months.
- Cell Phone Numbers on the Web Page – The numbers are now on the Web page under DPW Employees.
- Vehicle Stickers – PMO is supposed to furnish stickers to DPW by 20 Sep 02; they will be provided to Division Chiefs to distribute and have on cars by 1 Oct 02. If a vehicle is not on the spreadsheet, the individual will have to go to one of the locations and get his/her stickers.
- Customer No Shows – Complaint was made that maintenance personnel are wasting a lot of time responding to calls and then are not allowed to perform the work as there is no one with keys to gain entry, etc. MES queried the system from FY00 to FY02 (year-to-date) and less than 1% of total service orders for each of the three years are documented for Customer No Shows, with the trend getting better (fewer CNS) over the last three years. Will continue to track but it seems conditions have improved with the new radio/cell phones and implementing the signature cards (DA Form 1687's).

New Business: Some issues are being raised at the partnership meeting that are outside our charter and will not be addressed here. The partnership charter is to work on labor-management issues that arise in the workplace. Please read the Bylaws and Partnership Agreement posted on the DPW Web page.

- Is the 1st line supervisor responsible for the liability for instructing their employees to drive one of these old yellow dogs of a government vehicle? Vehicles were supposed to have been brought up to GSA Safety standards. If the vehicle is not safe to drive, please contact Sandra Simmons (285-5123), DPW GSA Fleet Manager, so the safety problem can be rectified.
- Fire Department not included in VERA/VSIP – Some DPW personnel may be allowed to take VERA/VSIP if it saves someone else from losing their job. This will all be determined by Reduction-In-Force (RIF) rules. Not everyone who is interested in taking VERA will be offered it.
- Comments on Picnic – Suggestions were made that the picnic should be in June so family members can also come. Other locations were also suggested, possibly using BLORA or the O'Club. Most decisions regarding the picnic are made by a committee so if employees have good ideas, they need to volunteer to organize the picnic or participate on the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 1400. Next meeting will be held 24 Oct 02, 1315, DPW CR 1, Bldg 4612.