Massachusetts Communications Supervisors Association

Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2002

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Dinner at 12:00 To Order: 12:50 James Lake, Presiding

Attendance: Reid Bagley, Stephen Cote, Janet Eicher, Laurie Favreau, Butch Garrity, David Hansen, James Lake, Peter Ostroskey, Donna Sans, Ted Sullivan

1. **Secretary's Minutes**

Minutes presented. Changes made per members

- Costs for Academy II are $475 for member agencies and $525 for non-member agencies
- Academy "day" is 09:00-17:00

Minutes accepted with changes.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer reports balance= $6341.54
  - Checks for Academy I (@$3000) not cashed yet.
  - Some dues still outstanding for year 2002.
    - List of paid dues attached

3. **Dispatch Academy**

- Academy II began on Monday (1/14) with 22 students.
- Students are of various experience levels
- Mr. Lake notes that we will need members for "Call Simulation" Day (2/7, 2/13) to fill rolls of callers.
- Mr. Hansen is looking for CPR instructors for 1/25
- We are looking for a new location for CJIS training due to displacement caused by security changes. Suggestions included W.Mass Criminal Justice Academy in Agawam
- Mr. Lake reminded all that Monna Wallace is the Training Coordinator so any changes must be cleared through her.
- Special Operations Day is scheduled for 2/14
- Graduation Committee is formed (Ms. Favreau, Ms. Sans) and will begin plans for ceremonies on February 15
- Graduation location TBA

4. **Legislative Matters**

Mr. Ostroskey discussed the status of the two 911 funding bills in the state legislature and noted that THIS is the time to let your support be known to members of the Senate and House.

- H-1751 pertains to Wireline 911 matters and would place a $0.30 to $0.70 surcharge on all wireline telephones and would go to the

maintenance and development of the existing 911 systems. This bill was reported favorably to the Government Regulations committee in March but there has been no movement since.

- S-1920 pertains to the problem of Wireless 911 use and would assess a similar amount to cell or wireless telephone numbers. The funds thus derived would go exclusively to the development of the wireless side of 911. This bill (formerly #5440) was submitted by Senator Pacheco and was also reported through Government Regulations in March. It has been sent to the House and is in the Ways And Means Committee.
- SETB Board absolutely supports these bills.
- Mr. Ostroskey suggested that MCSA endorse both bills and suggested that members send individual letters to their representatives.

MOTION: Ms. Eicher moved that the President and Secretary compose a letter expressing MCSA's support for the passage of these two bills. This letter is to be sent as soon as possible to the appropriate members of the House and Senate.
Seconded and passed (Mr. Ostroskey abstained)

Wireless 911 progress

- Mr. Ostroskey explained that Wireless 911 Phase I (locating to tower and sector only) will be started by March 1 and there is a very good chance that the Phase will be completed by the end of the year.
- In Phase I the MSP will be handling dispersal of wireless 911 calls through their Framingham and Northampton centers.
- A question: won't this break the "one button transfer" rule"
  - Yes it will…but the rule is inviolable so a solution will need to be found.

5. **Emergency Preparedness Training**
A committee was formed (Mr. Hansen, Mr. Garrity, and Mr. Cote) to investigate sources of training and advise on contingencies for loss of facilities through any cause. They will report back at the next meeting.

6. **MCSA-Where do we go from here?**

- Mr. Lake noted that he feels we may start drifting as an organization now that Academy is working well. He would like to see MCSA set some new goals.
- It was decided to devote the bulk of the next meeting to this task.

- **Other business** No other business brought up.

8. Next Meeting

- **February 15, 2002 immediately after Graduation**
- **Location TBA**

Adjourned: 13:54
S.J. Cote, Recorder