Massachusetts Communications Supervisors Association

"Developing Dispatchers & Dispatch Centers"
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Minutes of October 23, 2013 Meeting

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Meeting called to order 10:20 A.M.

Introduction of Board and Attendees; 24 people were in attendance representing 21 member agencies.

PRESENTATION

Chief Miller, Marion Police Department, gave a presentation on BAPERN (Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network). Emphasizing the importance of member agencies to use the area wide channel for BOLOs and pursuits

President's Report

State 911 is offering classes but they will not be offering in service classes this year. Check the web site for class offerings. No cost for these courses.

There will be a request for MCSA Meeting to be credited for attendance sent to the 911 Committee.

Don Hancock manned the table at the APCO Conference in Hyannis. Pens and pads were given out and he reports we were well received. Thanks to all who assisted at the conference. Also five recipients were awarded the CCM Scholarship. Two were present: Sidney (Skip) Botelho from Cambridge Emergency Communications and Lauren Mielke from Easthampton Public Safety. The other three recipients are: Amy West, Newburport Police Department, Robert Rowe, Wellesley Police Department, and David Mazza, Townsend Communications. Congratulations to all recipients:

Secretary's Report

Everyone had a copy of the September Meeting Minutes. Motion to accept by Don Hancock, seconded by Steve Hooke. Approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

No report available due to an emergency situation for Paula. Report will be available next month. Invoices were held up due to the grant process. They should be going out shortly. There are payments coming in and a full list should be available next month.

Committee Reports

State 911 Commission - 911 Committee recognized George Foque's dedicated service.

Planning is going on for the next generation 911 rollout, possibly in 2016. Committee ia also working on agreements with cell carriers for texting to be accepted by PSAPs.

The process has been started for Lee Ann to be the MCSA Representative to the commission. All paperwork has been filed. She can attend meetings but cannot vote.

NERAC - Nothing to report

SIEC - Nothing to report

Web Site: Volunteers to become webmasters. Training to be provided.

New Business

Leslie Carroll recommended to attempt to contact Nathan Lee for an eight hour presentation. He is approved by the State 911 for reimbursement. Discussion was held to try to get Bolton for the seminar. He is affordable and Lee Ann has the contact information. Possible dates in late November or early December.

Training class to be held in Holbrook and given by Tracy Eldridge. Class can be held anywhere in the state through Public Service Group or Tracey directly.

Lee Ann is talking with Paul Fahey and will be working with APCO to work on improving the grant process.

Looking for hosts for future meeting sites. Regional Vice-Presidents are charged with setting up these meetings and discussionswill be held with the president.

The next meeting will be held in Boxford on November 20. Information will be posted on the web site. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Edward P. Merriam