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Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2014
South Shore Regional RECC

Meeting called to order 10:15.
Introductions were made. 41 Attendees, representing 24 Agencies were present
Presentation by Chief Andrew Reardon, Norwell Fire Department on Firefighter Safety.

President's Report:

Steve Hooke is waiting for his official appointment to the Stat 911 Commission. It will not happen anytime soon do to many factors including the upcoming elections.

Grant handling displeasure is being addressed by representatives from MCSA, Mass NENA, Nashoba Valley, APCO meeting with Public Safety and Homeland Security. State 911 is aware of the problem and they are working to break the bottleneck. Bill is in the works to alleviate the problem.

Next Generation 911 contract has been awarded to General Dynamics Information Technologies. It should be completed over the next two years. Screens will look different at the positions. Texting is coming shortly. Duxbury is one of the six centers that will be up and running for texting in November.

Mona Wallace has asked for 30 minutes at the October Meeting for an update on Next Gen 911. Time will be allotted for this.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved; Don Hancock & Leslie Carroll

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance as of August 31, 2014 is $16,228.86. Received 3 membership requests from agencies and 1 personal request. All four approved. Invoices will be going out for 2014-2015 to 145 agencies. President Delp would like to form a committee to look at the bylaws. Refine the dues structure and the membership approval votes.

Committee Reports:

CCM: Five scholarships were awarded for 2014. The recipients are: Barbara Boiteau, Lee Ann Delp, Stacy Poutas, Penny Ryan and Anthony Newell. Congratulations were extended to all. Leslie Carroll stressed that those who were not chosen should reapply.

NERAC: Upgrading Microwave

SIEC: Redoing the SKIP Plan.

APCO Conference was well attended by the Atlantic Chapter.
New Hampshire Conference is scheduled for October 27, 28 and 29. Tracy Eldridge will be presenting at the conference on the importance of EMD.
APCO Atlantic is also offering scholarships to help defray the expenses.

Atlantic APCO is presenting awards for Director/Supervisor of the Year, Dispatcher of the Year and Trainer of the Year. This is the first time for these Awards.

President Delp is looking for recommendations for leadership classes that we can offer. Also looking for speakers to offer guidelines for dealing with unions, middle management level not contract negotiations.

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Training: Denise Amber Lee Foundation was in Springfield in August. They had 173 attendees over 2 days. They will be returning in the Spring. An interview was conducted by a local television station.

Also there is a possibility of the same station doing an interview with Lee Ann at the October Meeting.

Tracy is doing her How to Save A Live. Yours! in Springfield on Nov 21 & 22.

The approved list of training on the state site is short but should start offering more classes in the near future.

Leslie Carroll is looking for sites for future meeting sites. Sites should be able to hold 30 to 45 attendees. Also available parking should be considered.

Bylaws Committee will be chaired by Don Hancock. Anyone wishing to serve please contact Don. Erin Hastings and Skip Botelho will also serve on the committee.

Meeting Adjourned,

Lunch followed at Wahlburgers Restaurant.

Respectively Submitted

Edward Merriam
Secretary