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Minutes of June 17, 2015
Michael's Harborside Restaurant, Newburyport, MA

Meeting called to Order by President Delp at 10:30 AM
Self-introduction of attendees. 39 people representing 27 organizations

President's Report: Web site redesign is under contract to Tim O'Neil, Maynard PD. CCM Scholarship is not being proposed for funding in 2016. They are hoeing to reinstate the proposal for 2017. A letter from the incoming President will be sent signifying MCSA's support for the reinstatement of this program in 2017.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of May Meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is $17,163.24. 90% of the 2015 dues went back to the members in the form of training etc. Constant costs include Web site, 2 year liability insurance for the board.
Report approved unanimously.

911 Commission: Steve Hooke unable to attend. Next meeting will be June 25.

NERAC Commission: Microwave expansion is underway, Danvers is joining.
Fire Apparatus System should be up and running shortly.

SIEC: Comm. T course to be offered by the end of the year. Comm. L course to be Offered. Request for Information for video sharing has been requested.

State 911: Mona Wallace, Next Gen 911 is progressing. Tom Ash is leaving 911 and will be missed. Six pilots will start rolling out in August. The trainers will receive 2 weeks training is July. Once the pilots are up and running the rest of the PSAPS will follow. Operators will receive 8 hrs. Training and the admin people will receive an additional 4 hrs. It is recommended that each site have a couple admin people as the admin role is increasing with the ability to program your own speed dials and other tasks that is currently being done by Verizon or the state at this time. Compliance Forms are due back to the state. They were mailed out approximately a month ago. The state is in the process of cleaning up the login IDs. This is done with the information supported by the compliance form. Going forward anyone that does not meet the criteria will be removed from the 911 Log In. Once Verizon is done with 911 the state will take over that role with the same timeframe expected for updating IDs. Texting to 911 is not in the pilots but a priority has been placed on it and it should be available shortly. Essex and Northampton State Police will be the first 2 texting test sites. They will receive and the relay the information to the PSAP. The training required for Next Gen will count toward the 16 hrs. Requirement. Training sites in Taunton and Westwood have 10 positions each. Delay in the training grants, no timetable for support and incentive grants. Surcharge is almost complete, final approval expected on June 19th. Interpretive Services had an outage. It has been revamped and a new backup system is in place. 911 academy is scheduled in October.

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New Business: CISM training will be held on June 23 – 25 in Raythem.
Billerica and Lowell have open positions.
Motion to keep the dues as is: $100 per Organization. Erin Hastings and Tracy Eldridge. Motion passed.

By Law Changes.
The following changes were recommended at the last meeting and approved by a vote of the members at this meeting. The motion was made by Erin Hastings and seconded by Paula Snow.

Article II Membership: Section 1 Subsection C:
Membership of each organization or agency shall be granted upon receipt of the application and the payment of the annual dues.

Article II Membership: Section III Membership dues
A grant mechanism shall be established that would allow the Board of Directors to allow an Individual Associate Membership for an individual whose organization is unable to join this organization.
In accordance with Section 1, A, 2 of these bylaws, this membership would be non-voting.

Election of Officers

President: Chris Campbell elected as president for 2015-2016

All other Board positions were elected by an authorized vote of President Delp. The position of 2nd VP for Southeast region is open and will be filled at a later date.

MCSA Special Awards – Congratulations to the following Every Day Heroes
Special Recognition
Christine McKenna, Boston Fire Alarm Operator, for her handling of the Mayday call on March 26, 2014

Awards to Boston Fire Alarm for the call on March 26, 2014
Peter Clifford – Supervisor, David Marshall – Principal Fire Alarm Operator, Robert Diagastin, Acting Senior Operator, Nancy Coleman Fire Alarm Operator. Kelly Menahan, Fire Alarm Operator.

Award presented to Lee Ann Delp for her Service and Leadership to MCSA.

Officers were presented with a card and token for their service to MCSA.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by,

Edward P. Merriam
Secretary