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Minutes of September 16, 2015
Seekonk Public Safety, Seekonk, MA

Presentation by Anthony Pucino, Autism Awareness

Meeting called to order 11:29 AM

Introductions: 19 people representing 15 agencies.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of Annual Meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance $15,666.27. Only expense will be the Website Development. Invoices going out soon.

Committee Reports:

SIEC: Beginning stages of First Net and the state is looking at rolling out a statewide radio system.
NERAC: No report
State 911: FY16 Training grant is out. Support & Incentive approval is expected at the next meeting. Development Grant is expected to be approved with some changes. NextGen 911 – Boxboro, the first test site, is scheduled to be installed October 20. Target date appears to be beyond reach. Possible extension to 7/2017. Secondary PSAPS that are EMD will receive equipment from the state. If the Secondary PSAP is not EMD they will have to pay for the equipment, approximately $28,000. State is still trying to fill the vacant position of Tom Ash. Reported three finalists, 1 from in state. Reimbursements: FY14 put on back burner. Processing FY15. Chris and Steve have met with Frank Pozniak. He seemed receptive to the discussion and the problems of reimbursements. If you have not received 75% of FY14, something is missing from your submission. Karen Robitaille is willing to meet with MCSA to discuss the grant process. The state reimburses to the nearest hour. State may adjust to the nearest quarter hour. Chris will attempt to have Karen attend a meeting in the future to answer questions pertaining to grant reimbursement.

Retirement: Senator James Timilty, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Safety, and Representative Steven Howitt, Seekonk, stopped by to inform everyone about the recent hearing on retirement, and the process going forward.

President's Report: Recommend as many people as possible attend the 911 Committee meeting. State wide Regionalization committee has been formed. State is pushing for regionalization. If possible anyone that can attend the meetings do so. MCSA can promote the profession by attending these meetings.
Web Site: Work in progress. Don is helping out with the process. Goal date is November 1st.
Committees: Chris will look at the committees. See if they are needed and who can serve on them. He will add committees to meet our needs. Along with the Web

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Site a Social Media Committee: Twitter, Facebook etc. Anyone interested in serving let Chris know.

Recognition & Awards Committee: Continue with what was started last year. Promote the profession. Recipients do not have to be a MCSA Member, Laura Tracy and Leslie will be part of this committee and are looking for others to serve. The Grossman Award is no longer available. Last year's award was the last.
Tie this into Telecommunicator's Week. Tracy and Laura will start looking into an awards dinner.

TERT: Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team. Looking to start a TERT in Massachusetts. Looking to start a group in Massachusetts. Getting a data base started with names of those interested.

Membership e-mails. Trying to make sure our information is up to date. Constant Contacts should be going to everyone. Work to get a rebuilt data base. Ed will try to use sign in sheets. Anyone can let Ed know by sending an e-mail to the Secretary's new e-mail: mcsasec2015@gmail.com.

Cameras in the dispatch center. Any agencies that have cameras looking at the dispatch center?

Don is looking to get the actual number of civilian dispatchers in order to get an accurate number that would be affected by going to group two.

Motion to adjourn, Don and Laura, Passed.

Submitted by;

Edward P Merriam
Secretary