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Minutes of October 21, 2015
Acton Police Department

Presentation of Mobile Command Post Assets, coordinated by Deputy Chief Rob Hart, Acton FD

Meeting called to order 10.50 AM

Secretary's Report: Minutes of September Meeting Approved. Secretary will send an e-mail blast as soon as the meeting site for November is confirmed. Also will try to send the agenda and minutes prior to meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance $16,697.20. New invoices should be out in the next week. Received a check an application from Boxbourgh.

Committee Reports:

SIEC: No Report
NERAC: No report
State 911: FY16 Training grant is out. Support and Incentive Grant is out. Development Grant has been extended to Nov 16.
Next Gen is scheduled to be out in Boxbourgh. They appear to be having some issues.
Grant Reimbursement: They are doing FY16 as they come in. FY 15 & 14 will be resolved soon. Monthly meetings monthly with Frank Pozniak. Rollout is scheduled for December 1, It doesn't appear to be feasible. Hold aside 16 hours of training for Next Gen. S&I Grant retro-active payback to July 1 must be requested by October 31.

President's Report:

Grants: As stated in the newsletter when submitting request for classes you only need a copy of the certification or a copy of the class registration. Not both. State 911 grants mileage and travel time by map quest. They also round down. Recommend starting a user group for Powerphone users. Powerephone no longer supports paper card sets. State will not support electronic version under the Supplemental Grant, should be granted under the EMD Compliance or the Support and Incentive grant. Keep documentation of conversations with the state. This may help if you have to appeal.
State is pushing for Regionalization through the grant program. Trying to get state to start Grant workshops across the state. Consolidation is not the same as Regionalization.
Retirement: There are two bills in the Public Service Committee.
Attempting to get the real number of civilian telecomunicators.

Web Site: Target date is November 1. Don is coordinating with the designer. Any information, pictures, contracts etc. are appreciated.

Social Media: Twitter is active Don and Chris are doing some posting.

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Facebook: Steve will do a campaign to increase following
Anyone interested in assisting in these endeavors let Chris know.

Membership: Anyone interested in helping with memberships, notices, and meeting locations.

Telecommunicator Week; Laura and Tracy are working on a celebration.

Ethics Training: Tracy recommends taking the test and not just click through. It is very important to know what is legal in order to protect yourself. It could be as simple as someone wishing to by a dispatcher dinner because of a call that they handled. It could be an ethics violation. Protect yourself.

Peer support and Intervention class in Agawam. State 911 will partially reimburse for class. Class is free.

TERT: MASS TERT is starting to form. Contact Skip for information. This group will provide dispatchers in emergency situations. Mass-Tert.org
Criteria for State Activation. Criteria for National Activation. Working on training.

Next meeting at a site TBD. December will be in Natick.

Submitted by;

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Secretary