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September 21, 2016 MCSA Meeting, Sturbridge PD Sturbridge, MA

Meeting called to order by Don Hancock. 23 Attendees representing 18 Agencies.

Presentation: Sgt Ken Charlton, Auburn PD, CEMLEC Commander, provided team contact info, criteria, and types of incident responses. Threat Assessment Applications provided.

New Business: CCM Grant – 15 applicants, Awards Committee chose: Chris Campbell, Tracy Eldridge, Charles Goodwin, Fred Hart, and Mary Ann McLaughlin. Two CCM programs slated for next year.

Anne Camaro's Salary Survey to be posted on the MCSA website. Departments requested to participate. Copies of current survey made available at meeting.

Training Day – Leslie Carroll and Mary Ann McLaughlin working on March Training at IGC, Bolton, MA, during the third week of March.

Annual Appreciation Party – Tracy Eldridge and committee checking venues and will begin ticket sales.

MCSA Website – Updated and back online. Tim O'Neal, Maynard, proposed a service fee of $50.00/month for one hour of support, service to include keeping site updated and backed-up, any extra time is billable. $85.00/month proposal includes an additional hour of support. Chris Campbell looking to Executive Board for approval.

Crisis Intervention/Peer Support Training available October 11-13, 2016, Sturbridge Host Hotel, DFS sponsoring training, info on their site.

Old Business: Chris Ryan reported NERAC is working on a sustainability project for our microwave core; EOPPS is currently funding the annual maintenance at $120,000.00/yr and will continue through June 2017. NERAC is looking for options to keep it sustainable for all the microwaves in the Northeast system. They are also working on a Communication site infrastructure study, looking at all tower sites for security, project beginning the first or second quarter of next year. District 6 is getting additional repeater connectivity added to their system. NERAC funded a new Mobile Radio Vehicle for SWAT Commanders; going to SIEC for approval.

SIEC – Have not met since July 2016. Comm L Class started September 18, 2016, 17-18 participants. Comm T Class started October 3, 2016, 28 applicants throughout the state for 17 slots. State looking to host Comm L and Comm T classes next year; Maine hosting a class this fall.

State 911 Report: Steve Hooke unable to attend MCSA meeting, advised a State meeting scheduled for next Thursday. Karen Robitaille reminded the filing deadline for

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reimbursement for the FY16 Training and EMD Regulatory Grant and S&I Grant is Friday, September 30, 2016.

Treasurers Report – None

Secretaries Report – Webster Dispatchers to be acknowledged in report, updates will be made; Report accepted.

Presidents Report: – Chris Campbell attending a FEMA training, apologized for being unable to attend. No movement on Retirement bill, watching for January, in touch with Senators, bills not moving this time of year.

National Reclassification of Dispatchers from Clerical to Protective - Attention on Facebook, Twitter and the national level. APCO had a link for letters of support; deadline September 19, 2016.

Old Business: Photos of Communication Centers and Staff and updated contracts requested for the website to assist with Negotiations.

Next meeting: October 19, Gardner, MA

Mary Ann McLaughlin scheduling meeting sites and topics, scheduled with multiple agencies after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:01am.

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