



**MONTCALM COUNTY
CENTRAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY**
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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 12th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
MCCDA/MCES Conference Room, 657 N. State St., Stanton, MI 48888

Present: Tim Scott – Central Dispatch Director
Michael Stuck – Greenville Department of Public Safety
Darin Dood – Small City and Village Police Departments
Steve DeWitt – Small City and Village Police Departments
Brian Waber – Montcalm County Sheriff’s Department
Angel Ouwinga – Michigan State Police
Dave Feldpausch/Jerry Payne – Montcalm County Emergency Services
Steven VanHolstyn – Fire Chiefs Association
Michelle Rose – Central Dispatch

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Scott at 9:02 a.m.

Motion by Dood, supported by Ouwinga to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by VanHolstyn, supported by Stuck to approve the minutes from the July 14th meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Dood, supported by Waber, to approve the minutes from the November 10th meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered; none received.

MCFA Report: VanHolstyn reported that the Fire Chiefs were still concerned that Rescue 26 was still being toned on the Fire channel rather than the EMS channel. A discussion ensued about if this problem was related to the radio interference encountered by the EMS units in the southern part of the county. There was also discussion of whether the source of the problem was in Shiawassee County. Scott advised that he would contact Shiawassee County 911 and discuss the problem, and if an amicable solution could not be reached, then a formal complaint would be pursued through the FCC.

VanHolstyn also reported that the 3500 non-emergency line was defaulting into the phone tree rather than directly into the dispatch center. There was a discussion about the recent telephone

problems related to the new telephone system (this included) installed by Montcalm County, confirmed by Rose. The recordings cannot verify this concern, but it is still being reported to Montcalm County to have their phone contractor take a look at our system and address the new problems..

Other members also mentioned that some of the lines have an 'echo' effect and make it difficult to understand. This was confirmed by Rose. She related the effect in not on our end, but several callers have complained. Scott advised he would brief the County to see if a technician could take a look at it.

Police Chiefs Report: No report.

Traffic Enforcement Projects: No report.

MCES Report: Payne reiterated the earlier concern (voiced by VanHolstyn) that the radio interference continued and to the best of his knowledge was the result of a change in the Shiawassee County radio system.

MCCDA Dispatch Report : No report

OLD BUSINESS

CAD & Mobile Computing UPDATE (NetMotion and Video Cards). Stuck related that Greenville DPS is continuing to experience disabling problems with connectivity with all of its cars. The suspicion is that the NetMotion would alleviate much of that problem, but that program cannot be pursued until the current LEIN authorizations are resolved. Both the LEIN and NetMotion issues are currently being handled by Mary MacMillen, Montcalm County IT. There were several ideas discussed about ways to assist her with these tasks. Scott related that he would check with Chris Hyzer.

Scott also related that extra memory was installed into the dispatch console computers which run the CAD system, and performance of the software has improved.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Byrne Grant Program – Permission was received from the MCCDA Board to apply for a \$15,000 grant opportunity with a 10% match for a technology grant. If approved, the grant money would go toward acquiring additional MCTs (hopefully 4-5). A request has been made to Sheriff Barnwell and the Police Department heads present to determine what departments would receive any MCTs that might be purchased with this grant money.

TAC Meeting Schedule – A copy of the 2010 TAC Meeting schedule was developed and provided to all members. The schedule was the same as 2009, meeting the second Tuesday of every other month (the same months as the MCCDA Board meets) at 0900 hours in the MCCDA/MCES conference room at 657 N. State Street, Stanton, MI. Motion by Stuck, supported by Ouwinga to approve the new schedule. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Timothy A. Scott, Chairman
Technical Advisory Committee

Date