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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 11th, 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
William Barnwell – Montcalm County Sheriff’s Department
Angel Ouwinga – Michigan State Police
Darin Dood – Small City and Village Police Departments
Steve DeWitt – Small City and Village Police Departments
Jerry Payne – Montcalm County Emergency Services
Amy Thomas – Central Dispatch

Absent: Steven VanHolstyn – Fire Chiefs Association

The meeting was called to order by Scott at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Barnwell, supported by Stuck to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuck, supported by Barnwell to approve the minutes from the March 9th meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered; none received.

MCFA Report: No report presented.

Police Chiefs Report: Dood related that ‘Summer Fest’ would be taking place in the third week of June in Lakeview.

Barnwell related that MCSD was interviewing multiple candidates for two (2) Deputy vacancies. He also related that ‘Spring Fest’ would be taking place in Sheridan during Memorial Day weekend and Carson City ‘Frontier Days’ during the first week of June. Undersheriff Bellinger will be overseeing support for those functions.

Stuck related that Spectrum Health United Hospital would now have its own security detail. Members of this detail will initially provide security during evening/night hours, but may expand

later. They will have communication capability to Central Dispatch for emergencies, and will not be armed.

Traffic Enforcement Projects: Ouwinga related that there will be increased patrol coverage during Memorial Day weekend, but no more than is normally present on holiday weekends.

MCES Report: Payne related that the new practice of toning all ALS ambulances responses was working well. He also related that they were having trouble identifying people to staff R24 so they were using R22 personnel to staff that post, but if an emergency occurred near their location, they were still expected to respond.

Payne also discussed the status of the on-going radio interference issues with Shiawassee County. Payne briefed on the FCC involvement and some difficulty in collecting interference data for the FCC use. This data collection will continue to be stressed.

MCCDA Dispatch Report : No report

OLD BUSINESS

Scott advised that he had received approval to execute the \$13,500 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program. The MCSD MCT has been paid for and two (2) more have been ordered for GDPS and LKPD.

Scott advised that MCES was continuing to collect Shiawassee interference data for the FCC. Now that the FCC is engaged with this problem, we need to provide them the information they need to resolve it.

Scott requested all agencies (police, fire and EMS) to notify him of any specific radio 'dead spots' so future antenna placement can offset these weak areas in the radio network.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott advised that the Region 6 Narrowband Survey data was submitted and we are now awaiting a decision on how to allocate the Homeland Security 08 grant funding. It is hopeful that this decision will be made during the next meeting on Thursday, 13 May.

Scott advised that the discussion about burn permits and bans would be deferred until a later time due to the MCFA representative not being present.

Scott advised that a surcharge issue will be on the ballot for the voters in Aug 2010. The request is to raise the surcharge from it's current rate of \$1.89 to \$3.00. Scott advised that he is visiting Township Board meetings throughout Montcalm County to brief residents about the Central Dispatch in general and the surcharge specifically. Scott also provided all the attendees with several copies of a tri-fold handout fact sheet pertaining to Central Dispatch and the proposed surcharge.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Timothy A. Scott, Chairman
Technical Advisory Committee

Date