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

October 5th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
MCCDA/MCES Conference Room, 657 N. State St., Stanton, MI 48888

Present: Tim Scott – Central Dispatch Director
Tammie Pillard – Greenville Department of Public Safety
Brian Waber – Montcalm County Sheriff’s Department
Angel Ouwinga – Michigan State Police
Dave Feldpausch – Montcalm County Emergency Services
Steven VanHolstyn – Fire Chiefs Association
Michelle Rose – Central Dispatch

Absent: Darin Dood – Small City and Village Police Departments
Steve DeWitt – Small City and Village Police Departments

The meeting was called to order by Scott at 9:05 a.m.

Motion by Feldpausch, supported by Waber to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Rose, supported by Ouwinga to approve the minutes from the July 28th meeting. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered; none received.

MCFA Report: VanHolstyn related there was nothing to report, other than a mention of a Fire Chiefs’ meeting at the EOC on 6 Oct at 1900 hours.

Police Chiefs Report: Sgt Waber, MCSD had nothing to report.

Traffic Enforcement Projects: Sgt Ouwinga related that there are no current enforcement actions planned, but the MSP posting will be increased during the Thanksgiving weekend.

MCES Report: Feldpausch related that R26 and R29 had both been moved back to the EMS radio channel. R26 was performing well, but R29 was not and was returned to the fire channel until the problem can be resolved. When asked about the health status of R27, involved in an accident yesterday, Feldpausch related that he had been treated and released.

MCCDA Dispatch Report : Rose related that there was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

9-1-1 Surcharge Increase - Scott advised that the 9-1-1 surcharge would be on the ballot again on November 2nd and asked for everyone's active support. Scott mentioned that the surcharge increase request was lowered from a maximum of \$3.00 to a maximum of \$2.85 per month.

Radio 'Dead Spots' - Scott advised that he received no feedback on where the weak radio reception areas were, so he recounted that the police frequency was weak in Carson City, the fire frequency was weak on the eastern border of the county, and the EMS frequency was weak in the south and northwest. No other areas were identified by any attendees.

SHSP Narrowband Grant Funding – Montcalm County was awarded \$44,162.98 overall, with Central Dispatch receiving \$8,081.83. Scott related that he planned to upgrade one of the Fire transmitters, but sole source issues still need to be resolved.

Road closures – Central Dispatch is now only announcing over the fire frequency those road closures which make the road impassable. For partial closures, no announcement is made.

NEW BUSINESS

Siren SHSP Funding – Scott related that a preliminary amount of \$30,272.31 was awarded to Montcalm County to upgrade its emergency siren system throughout the county. This money is not expected to be 'formally' funded approximately May 2011. Scott related that, if permissible by WMSRDC, he would work with West Shore Services (currently under contract with the City of Greenville to maintain their outdoor siren system) to perform any siren upgrades.

R26 and R29 – Scott reiterated what Feldpausch had briefed earlier, in that R26 was performing well on the EMS channel, but R29 had experienced problems and had been returned to the fire frequency until the EMS frequency could be upgraded in the northwest corner of the county.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rose, supported by Waber to adjourn. Scott adjourned the meeting at 9:40.

Timothy A. Scott, Chairman
Technical Advisory Committee

Date