

ND 9-1-1 Association Meeting
June 25-26, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Mission Statement:

“To Enhance, Improve, Promote and Facilitate the North Dakota Emergency 911 System.”

Wednesday, June 25th, 2008

The training portion of the meeting was opened by Becky Ault, President. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was passed.

Current EMS Association, Mark Weber, ND EMS

Mark Weber went over the Regional Response Plan. He gave information on the levels of response and the notification process if a county or PSAP would need them in an emergency situation.

WebEoc, Geneva Anderson, ND Dept of Emergency Services

Geneva introduced the WebEoc to share information between all coordinators in the state. The Emergency Managers in the state have already been using this function for the past few years. It's a great source of information if an incident occurs.

Wireless Update, Russ Lindblom

Russ went over the Alltel/Verizon merger and thinks that there will be an additional carrier brought into the state to make sure there isn't a monopoly. Russ also mentioned that the VOIP 911 money is coming into the state and will be distributed as it is collected. Vonage is the only company that has done testing through Russ but he believes there could be more companies that provide service. There are currently 75 Verizon cell sites that were analog and have either changed to digital or just been turned off. Alltel has some analog sites yet but will be turning down those sites in September. Any shared sites between the companies have already been removed or turned down.

Statewide Seamless Map Info Update, Bob Nutsch, ITD

Bob did a briefing on the map progress. He discussed the spatial accuracy, the attribute accuracy, road miles, and address points research done by GEOCom. GISTC will recommend an estimate of cost and maintenance approach for aerial imagery and keep us informed through our GIS committee regarding any information.

President Resignation & Replacement

Becky Ault is resigning as president because she has taken a new job. Andrea Suhr is not able to take on the position as president at this time. Brent Nelson was appointed by Becky as the Association president to finish out this year according to the bi-laws. Andrea will remain as the Vice President.

Split Meeting:

The training portion was divided into two groups involving the State Radio county group and the PSAP Jurisdiction group. The meeting will reconvene at 8:30 AM June 26th, 2008.

Thursday, June 26th, 2008

The training meeting was reconvened by President Nelson at 8:30 a. m. on June 26th, 2008. Introductions were made and the session was started.

Split Meeting updates

Russ T. updated the group on the State Radio discussion. Mapping systems and towers discussion was the main forum for this group.

Brent N. did an update on the PSAP Jurisdiction discussion concerning CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) and the radio with the 911 side with integration into the future of service.

Mapping Opportunities, Norton Lovold, Bulberry Systems

The different applications and layers were discussed and the “tool” of mapping was behind the development of this system. Bulberry Systems has produced a software design that can be easily implemented with CAD and all 911 call taker products. Bulberry Systems provides a mapping application that is easy to use and is based upon precise GIS data. Bulberry has the capability of using their system with 911 call answering equipment and Emergency Notifications Systems. A demonstration of the system took place. Bulberry supports a statewide seamless map. First and foremost, Bulberry is a 911 mapping company and will work with any local GIS resource to build the proper data.

ND 9-1-1 Association Business Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Nelson.

Additions to the Agenda:

Al Morken made a motion to add a discussion on the position of the next state radio director. Janelle P. second. Tammy Lapp-Harris would also like to discuss some questions raised.

Review Previous Minutes

Tammy Lapp-Harris made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted, Karla Germann second and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Dana Scherr. Al Morken made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Gary Kostecky. Motion carried.

Committee and Working Group Reports

DESAC—Jerry B gave an update on the Public Safety Interoperability Communications PSIC and that will be awarded soon. 2008 HS grant is also being awarded and ND will get approximately the same amount as the previous year. The DESAC was told at the last meeting that Russ T will be retiring on August 1, 2008 and the Adjutant General informed them that a replacement has not been determined. If anyone has an interest in the position or if they know of anyone that may have an interest in the position, they should contact General Sprynczynatyk.

Wireless Committee—update given by Russ L. the first afternoon.

Legislative & Technology—Brent will keep everyone informed with any issues.

GIS—Gary did mention that the statewide map is still moving forward. Some have been pro-active and it has been available but unfortunately we haven't moved as fast as possible but we are still moving forward. Jerry B did mention that Greg Wilz has been very active in the process and very supportive. Al did thank Gary for his hard work and the results are very evident at this time due to that dedication.

Public Relations—Janelle did put out a bulletin with the help of Tammy L-H and if anyone else has a project let them know. Sheri Gartner did mention an article that she published last fall and will get the information to Janelle for her to review.

Old Business

New Business

The vice president will remain the same with Brent Nelson as President.

Motion by Al Morken to have the ND 911 Association write a letter to the Adjutant General, respectfully requesting that he consider placing a representative from one of the 22 state radio counties on the interview panel for the next state radio director. JoAnn O seconded the motion and discussion was held. Al mentioned that we need to be united in all situations to move together in all the PSAP's in the state of ND. A suggestion was made to include a representative from the PSAP's and the state radio counties but it was suggested that we keep it as simple as possible. Following the discussion, the motion carried.

Sheri Gartner made a motion to send a letter of apology to Mr. Norton Lovold and Bullberry concerning the discussion and questions that took place after his mapping presentation and that a carbon copy be sent to the Adjutant General with a second letter explaining the situation that took place. Brent Pringle second and discussion was held. It was suggested that Jerry Bergquist and Al Morken would assist in the composition of the letters with President Nelson. The motion was passed unanimously.

The next agenda will have committees listed concerning the internal 911 association committees and also the 'external' committee list.

The next meeting will also include the split session until discussion is held next time regarding the issue. The state radio counties expressed that they see a more unified group and will continue the meetings regardless if it is scheduled in the agenda.

Any suggestions for an agenda should be sent to Brent or Dana.

Next meeting date/time is tentatively set in September and will be scheduled with the APCO conference in Jamestown. The date for the APCO conference is scheduled to be September 23-24, 2008 and the cost is \$25.

Roundtable

Roundtable discussion was held.

April 6-8, 2008 will be the Dakota conference for APCO.

Gary Kostelecky mentioned their mapping, City Watch and all the accomplishments in Stark/Dunn counties and he has made all the information available to the association. He thanked the association for the support that they have had for him and he applauded the association for taking suggestions and moving forward. He also thanked Al Morken for his support.

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Morken and seconded by Janelle Pepple and the entire association. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Scherr/Secretary-Treasurer