

ND 9-1-1 Association Meeting
September 20 -21, 2004
Meeting Minutes

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

VOIP Discussion – Russ Lindblom, ND Wireless 9-1-1 Project Manager

Russ discussed VOIP and how it may affect North Dakota at this point. ND PSAP managers received a letter from AT&T indicated that they were in the final stages of preparing to offer VOIP to their ND customers and wanted a 10-digit routing number for emergency calls. Russ contacted AT&T, and through his discussion with the carrier, determined that while there may be some businesses interested in the service, it is not likely that there will be a big demand on the residential side. This is due to mainly to the fact that at this time there would not be a “local” number offered to the customer. Russ also noted that NENA and APCO are both actively working on VOIP PSAP solutions, which would include Caller ID and location information. Russ will be available to assist any PSAP with VOIP questions, concerns, etc.

Local Frequency Coordination – Rick Hessinger, ITD

Rick gave an overview of the FCC and their licensing procedures. Rick stressed that all agencies should check their FCC licenses to ensure they are not expired. This can be done through the FCC website. Rick indicated that the FCC must ensure fairness when assigning frequencies. All applications for service are now done electronically, in cooperation with APCO Headquarters. As Rick is our coordinator on the local level, he can be reached at 328-4616.

Statewide P25 Radio RFP Status – Russ Timmreck, State Operations Center

Russ informed the group that Motorola was awarded the state bid for radios. Russ estimated the cost to be \$7 M - \$9 M for state infrastructure, with approximately \$2.6 M in homeland security funding available. Future funding sources discussed were the legislature, homeland security grants, and/or lease purchase options. The system will be dual-mode...it can and will run both analog and digital.

Review of Options for P25 Radios, etc. – Sonny Hagseth, Motorola

Agencies are encouraged to order radios and/or equipment through their local dealer, however, agencies wishing to order radios and/or equipment can now do so on-line through the Motorola website. You need to register first and get an ID. Sonny is available to assist any agency with this. Sonny encouraged the purchase of narrow-band equipment with digital capabilities. The bid prices have not yet been released, as the contracts are still being finalized. Those agencies which have already placed orders for equipment may not get the bid prices, as they have not yet been determined. Sonny will check to see if consoles can be added to the contract as well.

The meeting was adjourned until 8:30 a.m. on September 21, 2004.

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

President Ault informed the group that there has been a change in the agenda. The U. S. Postal Service presentation will be rescheduled for a later date. Mr. John Paul Martin from the National Weather Service will address the group this morning. Mr. Martin can be reached at 250-4495 and his email address is john.paul.martin@noaa.gov. The website address is www.crh.noaa.gov/bis.

Mr. Martin discussed weather watches and warnings. He stressed that when PSAPs are contacted by the NOAA/NWS that they not wait for a “hard copy” before the necessary information is disseminated to the public, rather the PSAP should take appropriate action immediately upon notification. He asked that any weather reports received by the PSAP be forwarded to NWS as soon as possible.

2-1-1 Mental Health Association – Deanna Dailey

This discussion on the 2-1-1 phone line was continued from the last meeting. Al Morken made the motion to furnish the Mental Health Association with the PSAP administrative numbers in the event emergency help was necessary for a caller using the 2-1-1 system. The motion was seconded by Ken Halverson, and passed. Deanna Dailey can be reached at 701-255-3692 ext.111.

Changing Education Standards for EMS – Dean Lampe, NDEMSEA Director

Mr. Lampe introduced himself to the Association. He was recently hired by the North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association as their new Executive Director. He updated our association on the Overview of EMS Scope of Practice changes being proposed on the national level. The comment period for the proposed changes is open until January 2005. The website to view the proposed changes is www.nasemsd.org. Comments may be addressed to: Amy Starchville, 201 Park Washington Court, Falls Church, VA 22406-4527. Phone number is 703-538-1799 and email address is astarchville@asmii.net. Mr. Lampe asked that our association submit a position statement on these proposed changes. Discussion on the request was held and it was suggested to write a position statement after receiving a copy of the statement that will be presented by the NDEMSEA. The website for NDEMSEA is www.ndemsa.org.

ND 9-1-1 Association Business Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ault. Roundtable introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was passed.

Review Previous Minutes

Ken Halvorson made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as emailed/mailed. Motion was seconded by Toshia Shaw. Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer’s report was presented by Janelle Pepple, as furnished by Carmen Reed. Tammy Lapp made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Toshia Shaw. Motion carried.

Old Business

GIS Mapping – Wes Henrickson from the State Operations Center reiterated to the group that the RFP on Project 04-01, baseline GIS mapping has been cancelled. The reason stated was due to

lack of funding. The funding available for the proposed project is substantially below the amount anticipated to be required for the project. Mike Dannenfelzer made a motion to have President Ault write a letter to DEM/SOC Director Doug Friez to find out what will happen to the homeland security money that was set aside specifically for this project. The motion was seconded by Ken Halvorson. Motion carried.

New Business

Russ Lindblom gave an update on Phase I/Phase II in North Dakota. Russ reported that Phase I is complete statewide and Phase II continues to progress. Overall, Russ is very pleased with our progress and is planning on issuing a press release statewide. Russ asked for help from the 9-1-1 coordinators to take the press release to their local papers. Gary Kostecky gave us an update on his testing.

APCO – Gary Kostecky updated the group on behalf of Dora Dillon, APCO President. ND Chapter Dispatcher of the Year and PSAP Manager of the Year awards will be presented to respective winners in Fargo on October 26, 2004. Gary noted that the APCO training conference scheduled for September had been cancelled, nothing has been rescheduled at this point.

NENA – Dakota NENA President Mike Dannenfelzer reminded NENA members to check their membership information on the NENA website. Mike also indicated that ballots for the position of National Vice President would be arriving shortly. He encouraged any association members interested in becoming a NENA member to contact him or another member for information. The Dakota NENA Chapter will be having their annual conference in North Dakota this year. It will be hosted in Dickinson – look for further information.

Rebecca Ault appointed Janelle Pepple, Jerry Bergquist, Terry Volk, and Gary Kostecky to the nominating committee for 2005 officers. We will need to elect a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer. If anyone is interested in either position, please contact a member of this committee.

Roundtable discussion was held.

Motion to adjourn was made by Charles Russell and seconded by Ken Halvorson. Motion carried.

Next meeting date/time will be announced at a later date – location will be in Bismarck.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Pepple

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Acting Secretary