

South Central Users/Owners & Operators Committee Meeting
North Mankato Fire Station #2
October 5th, 2016: 6:30pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm
- II. Meeting minutes from July approved with changes or corrections
- III. Owners & Operators update – Pat Wallace
 - The metro region is recommending minimum training requirements for Dispatchers – Pat is asking for opinions or comments to pass along – opinion of the group is that South Central should propose a Best Practice instead of a Standard – the idea is overall regarded as a good way to offer consistency in dispatch training which could help with large scale/critical incidents
 - a) Email thoughts to Pat Wallace or Melanie Nelson
 - b) Metro is set to approve their Standard – it will take longer for outstate MN to push through their committees
 - c) The consistency would help the job of COMLs in what to expect different dispatch center personnel to know – suggested that dispatch staff should be trained with COML knowledge since they are the first to handle critical incidents
 - Status Board dual labeling – ending the first week of January
- IV. System Issues
 - Waseca County had an issue with interference from a tower in Lino Lakes – mobile radios were affiliating with that site
 - Issue in Mankato with one portable having inconsistent volume – the reason has not been discovered yet – reflashing the radio doesn't help
 - Console upgrades – Waseca County is partially done – no other county has been contacted yet
 - Logger upgrades – not done yet
 - a) Upgrading PCs to Windows 10 will prevent browser access to loggers
- V. RIC update – Randy Donahue
 - Grant workshop was held – 2 people attended from each region because it was required
 - ECN will begin conducting random audits of radios covered by grants in an effort to keep ahead of the Federal government – radios can be audited for 6 years after they were purchased per the agreements signed
 - Compliance checks on Standards may be coming from the state
 - The Interop Conference committee is looking for volunteers – they would like to expand the topics for the 2017 conference

- VI. COML class – let Cathy Anderson know if anyone is interested – must have the pre-requisite classes done prior to enrolling
- VII. APX programming training – to be held in St Peter November 1-3
 - 3 seats are still open – contact Keith Ruffing if interested
- VIII. Communications Active Shooter planning exercise – attempt to construct a rough outline of procedure – discovered that while there is great benefit to have the tabletop discussion too many discrepancies exist in policies amongst agencies and disciplines
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm – next meeting will be held on January 4th and may include refresher training for ARMER trainers