

SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2016

The South Central Minnesota Regional Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Dan Davidson.

ROLL CALL

Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Hutchinson, Le Sueur, Mankato, McLeod, Nicollet, Sibley and Waseca present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adam Gray moved and Peggy Reimers seconded a motion to approve the September 29, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2015 SHSP grant is in the close-out process and the SLIGP grant has been renewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Effective January 1, 2017, St. Peter Ambulance will contract with Allina to provide ambulance service for a majority of Nicollet County. Allina requests permission to have South Central talk groups in their radios. No operational changes for the ambulance service anticipated other than the talk groups.

Randy Donahue provided an overview of the Central region's website. The website will allow for use by other regions. The only cost for members to share would be the annual maintenance, estimated to be \$1,600.00. The more members to the site, the less cost per member. Two northern regions and the Southwest region have expressed interest. Anticipated "go live" date is first quarter 2017 or May/June 2017 at the latest. Kevin Mathews moved and Todd Hanevik seconded a motion to bring the website proposal forward to the ECB at their next meeting. The motion carried.

Pat Wallace advised that a 911 Best Practices Group has been established. Both she and Peggy Reimers are members of the group. Minimum training guidelines for dispatchers is a current topic. ECN will take on role of facilitating this discussion. Preference may be to use "guidelines" or "best practices" rather than "standard". The MSA does support this initiative.

Keith Ruffing advised that he was contacted by the Southeast region, as they are interested in pursuing redundant logging of talk groups in the event of a failure at one of the sites. Cost has not yet been discussed. It would be important to obtain from each county a list outlining what kind of redundancy is wanted as well as to determine from State Patrol what is being logged currently.

Randy Donahue advised that he has received a request from the Red Cross to program 34 of their cache radios with our regional talk groups. Randy will forward the request letter to Darrin Haeder.

Andy Buckmeier advised that it is now possible to have an indication in dispatch when a site goes into site trunking. It's a zone wide feature. Hardware would be installed in Rochester and the region or regions (Southeast and South Central) would be responsible for that cost. Each county would then have the option to sign up and install equipment at their individual sites. Additional discussion will be pursued with Motorola. The initial quote is estimated to be \$31,500.00. Andy will get additional information for the group, to be provided at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next RAC meeting will be held on February 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Peggy Reimers moved and Todd Hanevik seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.