

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Annual Business Meeting Billings, Montana
July 22, 2008

Directors Present

Dennis McCave-----President
Cheryl Liedle----- Past Pres.
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas

Daryl Anderson-----1st Vice
Leo Dutton -----2nd Vice
Dave Schenk -----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Dave Castle
Cliff Brophy
Vern Burdick
Dan Tronrud

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Blue Corneliusen
Greg Hintz
Jay Bell
Dan Birdsill

The meeting was called to order by President McCave and roll was called.

Guests:

Harve Kaufman, Aquilavision/MONTS, gave a brief powerpoint update of the Montana offender notification and tracking system (MONTS). Harve will continue to keep us updated as the grants progress.

Report of the President

Dennis McCave thanked the board and assured everyone that the 2008 Law Enforcement Summit would be exciting and informative.

President McCave gave an award of appreciation to Perry Eidum of Smith and McGowan for his work on behalf of MSPOA.

Treasurer's report was given by Tony Harbaugh.

Communications and Liaisons:

SERC –NR

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that the board met on June 19 and they are reviewing grant requests for 08/09.

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the council will meet August 21. The administrative rules are complete. Policy and procedures will deal with POST credit given for college courses.

WSSA – Jim Cashell advised that the WSSA board met during the National Sheriffs Conference in June. He further advised that Sheriff Tony Harbaugh has been elected Sergeant at Arms and will advance through the chairs to the Presidency.

Special Olympics – Dan Birdsill urged everyone to get involved with Special Olympics at the local level. It was also noted that MSPOA increased their contribution to Special Olympics to \$2500 in 2008.

Coroners – NR

MLEA Advisory – NR

NSA – NR

Search and Rescue – NR

MACo –Greg Hintz advised that the annual MACo conference will be held in Hamilton, MT Sept 21-25.

NACo – Jay Bell advised that NACo is doing a recidivism study in county jails and they will be publishing a book on pre trial services.

Operation Lifesaver – Daryl Anderson stated that the BBQ is set for tonight July 22 at Rose Park. MSPOA has contributed \$800 to the event. Daryl further advised that the Operation Lifesaver group is schedule to meet in Shelby in September.

MACo Risk Management – NR

Private Security – Leo Dutton advised that the board will continue to meet quarterly. If anyone has questions or issues please contact Leo or Smith and McGowan.

Museum – Leo Dutton urges everyone who is able to try to participate in the Law Enforcement memorial held in May each year.

DOC—David Castle advised that he has expressed his concerns to the DOC director in regards to DOC's 80/20 plan. This plan intends to place 80% of Montana's offenders back into community programs. Montana has approximately 13,000 offenders.

MDT/Traffic Safety – NR

Interoperable Radio – NR

Concealed Weapons - NR

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services – Greg Hintz gave updates on the MONTTS program, Project Star program, and advised that he will be providing training at the MACo Risk Management conference.

Greg advised that advance homicide training was provided in Missoula and would qualify for coroner training credits.

Greg advised that an Abduction and Amber Alert course is being planned this fall in Missoula and will also provide 24 hours of coroner and POST credit.

Public and Community Relations – Leo Dutton advised the group of selections for scholarships, officer of the year, and distinguished career officer. Leo further advised that the board has approved increasing the high school scholarships from \$500 to \$750 each.

Leo played the PSA done in conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Montana.

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk advised that board member biographies will be coming. Annual updates of the board member handbook were handed out.

Dave advised that the long range planning for MSPOA will be on going instead of an every other year project.

Government Relations – Jim Cashell advised that the committee has currently identified 26 legislative items with the top six of those to include:

- 1 Qualifications for Sheriff
- 2 Concealed weapon issues
- 3 Dispatcher retirement
- 4 Mental health issues
- 5 Holding crime scenes until public defenders arrive to investigate
- 6 Invasive aquatic species issues

Jim advised that the committee will be meeting monthly through the fall.

By Laws – Tony Harbaugh advised that the constitution and by laws for MSPOA are now posted on the MSPOA web site.

Funding and Fiscal – Tony Harbaugh gave reports on officer membership and honorary membership. Tony urged everyone to support the honorary membership program locally.

Necrology—Tony Harbaugh advised of the law enforcement deaths that have occurred since the last annual meeting.

TAC-Adv. - Leo Dutton advised that a \$20,000 grant has been accepted to re write the Tactical Red Book.

Jail Standards—Dennis McCave advised that standards are being revised. The inspection and review teams are formed and have started making jail visits. It is their hope to pre-empt legislation of standards.

Chaplains—Warren Heibert advised that this subcommittee was formed in 2003 and that participation has continued to grow larger statewide.

Search and Rescue - Cliff Brophy reminded that Search and Rescue missions can be reimbursed up to \$3,000 per mission and \$2,000 per year for equipment. It was agreed that these amounts need to be adjusted, as there is over \$100,000 in the account that is available for these reimbursements.

A statewide coordinator is needed and Dan McGowan of DES will work with us to compile statistics and award reimbursements.

DES would like to contract with MSPOA for a part time coordinator position.

** Motion by Greg Hintz that MSPOA agree to contract a part time position to DES for coordination and outreach.

2nd by Jim Cashell

Motion Passed

Election of Officers

** Motion by Jim Cashell to advance the chairs of MSPOA

2nd by Blue Corneliusen

Motion Passed

Nominations opened for third vice president

Blue Corneliusen, Cascade County, was nominated and nominations closed.

Blue was elected by acclamation.

Nominations opened for Sec/Treas

Tony Harbaugh, Custer County, was nominated and nominations closed

Tony was elected by acclimation.

Nominations opened for five (5) Undersheriffs or Deputies

Greg Hintz, Missoula County

Jay Bell, Yellowstone County

Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County

Dan Birdsill, Madison County

Kevin O'Connell, Ravalli County

Nominations closed and with all five being elected by acclimation.

Nominations opened for five (5) Sheriffs

Vern Burdick, Chouteau County – 38

David Castle, Cascade County – 44

Jim Cashell, Gallatin County – 41

Rusty Jardee, Carter County – 32

Cliff Brophy, Stillwater County – 39

Chris Hoffman, Ravalli County – 25

Dan Tronrud, Sweet Grass County – 21

Cheryl Liedle, Lewis and Clark County – 19

The top five vote getters were elected to the board.

Next meeting scheduled for Ennis, Montana, September 17 and 18, 2008

Meeting adjourned.