

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Billings, Montana
September 13, 2007

Directors Present

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

Dave Schenk-----3rd Vice

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Vern Burdick
Cliff Brophy
Dan Tronrud

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Blue Corneliusen
Greg Hintz
Brian Gootkin
Dan Birdsill
Jay Bell

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

** Motion by Greg Hintz to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

2nd by Dan Birdsill

Motion Passed

Guests:

Kevin Olsen, MLEA, advised that the MLEA advisory council will meet September 19. Jerry Williams will be traveling the state with legal update and model policy updates.

Kevin advised that the legislative interim committee on mental health issues will be meeting October 1.

Chris Christensen, Public Safety Services Bureau-911, advised that the radio interoperability build out is progressing with \$50 million spent so far. He further advised that with the passage of HB 27 there will be a 50 cent increase on phone bills to go to 911.

Wayne Ternes, POST, advised that POST is now under DOJ. Wayne is working to make it easier for officers to access transcripts at POST. He further advised that reserve officers will now come under POST rules.

Susan Baumstead, Missoula County Dispatcher and APCO representative, advised the board that dispatchers plan to seek a 20 year retirement in the next legislature.

** Motion by Cliff Brophy to support the concept and refer this to the government relations committee once we receive a draft proposal.

2nd by Blue Corneliusen

Motion Passed

Susan further noted that the APCO conference will be held at the Great Falls Heritage Inn November 15 and 16.

Report of the President:

Dennis McCave advised that they are working on the joint conference for 2008 with MACOP and MPPA. MPPA will start their conference July 20. MACOP will start their conference July 21. MSPOA will start their conference with a board meeting July 21. MSPOA general meeting and elections will be Tuesday July 22. Joint training will be Wednesday July 23 with the banquet that night. July 24 will be vendor day.

This conference will be billed as the Law Enforcement Summit Conference.

Communications and Liaisons:

SERC –Cliff Brophy’s term has expired but President McCave has reappointed him.

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that the JAG funding has been increased. He advised that the council will meet September 26 in Big Fork.

POST – Dennis McCave advised that the POST council met August 15. Wayne Ternes is the new POST director and the next meeting will be November 15.

WSSA – NR

Special Olympics – Brian Gootkin advised that the Torch Run kick off meeting was held last week in Fairmont.

Coroners – Greg Hintz advised that the homicide training is set for October 16-18.

MLEA Advisory – Tony Harbaugh advised that the next meeting is September 19.

NSA – NR

Search and Rescue – NR

MACo – NR

Operation Lifesaver – NR

MACo Risk Management – NR

Private Security – NR.

Museum – NR

NACo – Jay Bell has been appointed to represent MSPOA

MDT/Traffic – NR

Interoperable Radio – NR

DOC Advisory – NR

Concealed Weapon – NR

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services –Greg Hintz advised that the Project Star contract was signed with DNRC in April. This would provide for law enforcement strike teams to respond when and where they are needed. We need more participation from Sheriffs. The training is in February and April of 2008. This is a non expiring agreement with DNRC. Letters will be going out to Sheriffs and the phone tree will be utilized to follow up.

Greg advised that the advanced homicide training in October will be POST certified for Coroner credit.

Greg advised that advanced Wildland Arson Investigator training will be March 24-28, 2008.

Greg advised that the MACo Risk Management conference will be held in Bozeman at the Gran Tree Inn in January. Our law enforcement day will be Wednesday January 16 of the conference.

Public and Community Relations – Kathy McGowan advised that she is seeking funding for a PSA in conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. It will cost approximately \$16,000 to produce and distribute this PSA.

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk advised that the committee is working on a contract renewal with Smith and McGowan for their services.

The committee is working on a racial profiling grant awarded by MDT that MSPOA would provide a local liaison with law enforcement and tribal leaders to show that law enforcement is addressing the issue of racial profiling compliance. This would be a three year contract with MDT.

** 2nd motion from the committee to approve the three year contract and allow for annual cost review.

Motion Passed

** 2nd motion from the committee to allow implementation of the contract through Smith and McGowan with MDT.

Motion Passed

The committee is working on updates for the board member handbooks.

They are planning a retreat in 2008, for the board to plan MSPOA long range goals.

It was noted that biographies for new board members are needed.

Government Relations – Jim Cashell advised that once the proposal for dispatcher retirement is made available to the committee, they will review for board action.

By Laws – NR

Funding and Fiscal – NR

Necrology – Tony advised the board of the passing of Howard Taylor former Hill County Sheriff.

Directors Report – Kathy McGowan advised that she will attend the MACo meeting in Great Falls the end of September to monitor mental health legislative issues.

TAC – NR

Jail Commanders – Dennis McCave advised that the group has met and is discussing a jail review process.

He further advised that the CDOB curriculum will be reviewed by NIC.

Chaplains – NR

Next meeting schedule for January 16 and 17, 2008, in Bozemen, Montana,

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.