

Minutes
Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officer Association
Board Meeting Great Falls, Montana
November 22, 2006

Directors Present

Cheryl Liedle-----President	Dennis McCave-----1 st Vice
Tom Skinner-----Past President	Leo Dutton-----3 rd Vice
Tony Harbaugh-----Sec/Treas	

Sheriffs

Jim Cashell
Dave Castle
Dave Schenk
Cliff Brophy

Undersheriffs & Deputies

Greg Hintz
Blue Corneliusen
Reuben Wrightsman
Dan Birdsill

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

** Motion by Jim Cashell to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

2nd by Greg Hintz

Motion Passed

Guests:

Chris Christensen, public safety services bureau, (PSSB) advised that the bureau will be seeking to extend the sunset for E911 funding until 2011. He further explained that they will be seeking legislation regarding wireless costs recovery increase from 50 cents to one dollar. Chris indicated that he would seek support for their draft legislation at our next meeting after we have had a chance to review his draft handouts.

Kevin Olson, MLEA, advised the board that the final administrative rules rewrite has gone to the printers.

He noted that all forty basic students passed the mid term physical test. They will graduate December 8. On January 9, 2007, the next basic will start with 60 students. Kevin advised that there are currently 145 officers waiting to attend basic.

They are currently working on re writing the basic curriculum.

Kevin advised that legislation for racial profiling will be back in the 07 session.

Bill Fleiner, DOC, advised that they have five pieces of legislation. Those will be provided to us before seeking our support.

Dan McGowan, DES, advised that money administered by DES to fund search and rescue missions has not been requested by search and rescue organizations that may be eligible for reimbursement. Monies come from two sources; a portion of permanent licenses that are sold, and second from Fish Wildlife and Parks license sales. Unused money generated by FWP goes back to them if not used to reimburse S&R missions. Dan stressed that they need to know when a search is conducted so that they can reimburse. Reimbursement is currently set at \$3,000 per mission. Dan advised that the current committee which has approval oversight may seek to allow for reimbursement for overhead and equipment costs as well. Jim Cashell advised that we ask the committee to formalize a plan to allow for the use of the money. They would like our support in retaining the monies generated by FWP.

** Motion by Jim Cashell that we re-establish the Search and Rescue committee of MSPOA with Cliff Brophy as chair, to work with DES on the above issues.

Second by Dave Castle

Motion Passed

Chairman Liedle appoints the following S&R committee members:

Dave Castle
Carolyn Robinson
Daryl Andersen
Dave Schenk
Rube Wrightsman
Mike McCloskey, Cascade Co. S&R
Mike Allen, Lewis and Clark Co. S&R

They will try to meet in December.

Jerry Williams, MLEA, advised that the regional model policy training project is completed and that they would be willing to work with any agency to assist with implementation of policies.

Ray Barnicoat, MACo, thanks MSPOA for everything and advised that this would be his last meeting.

Fred Hansen, MACo, advised that the 2006 Jail Standards were delivered to agencies during the model policy guideline training.

Report of the President:

Cheryl Liedle advised that the 2007 annual MSPOA conference will be held at the Great Northern in Helena June 19-22.

Cheryl further advised that the list of newly elected Sheriffs is available and can be viewed on the website. Cheryl advised that MT DES would like a MSPOA representative to sit on their committee. Greg Hintz volunteered and was appointed by Liedle.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Services –Greg Hintz advised that the Risk Management Conference will be held at the Billings Convention Center on January 17, 2007. Dr. G. Peters will instruct on prevention of in custody death and jail suicide.

BLM Fire Investigator schools will be held the week of April 23-27 in Missoula and April 30-May 3 in Billings. MSPOA will be co sponsoring these courses.

The commemorative military service coin that we have been asked to distribute will be given out by MSPOA if members of the volunteer group are unable to be there.

Greg advised that the 2007 Sheriffs Institute will be in Helena in April or May with instructor Paul Howe who is a retired military and Delta Force member.

The test is being developed to form a pool of law enforcement applicants for those agencies that wish to participate.

Greg advised the formation of Project Star to create and MOU establishing resources and methods to mobilize law enforcement teams to respond to any critical incidents when requested.

Dennis McCave advised that the Small Jails as Part of County Government Training will be January 29-31, 2007, in Bozeman.

Public and Community Relations – Dave Schenk advised that the committee has met and looked at the long range plan. They will be working to develop PSAs and distribute them. Scholarship announcements will be going out to schools and Sheriffs offices in 2007. They will be working on a welcome letter to new Sheriffs, they will continue seeking board member biographies for the news letter, and last committee chairman Schenk requests that President Liedle appoint Leo Dutton as Chair of this committee. Liedle made the appointment.

Board and Committee Development – Dave Schenk advised that the committee is seeking to activate the phone tree and that all board members call their designated counties and obtain Sheriffs office phone number, cell phone number, home phone number, email address, and mailing address. Sheriff Schenk would like this information by December 15.

Government Relations – Jim Cashell advised that the committee may not bring any bills to the board for sponsorship for the 2007 session, but we will be involved in many.

Discussion including the following:

- Racial profiling bills may reappear
- FWP may introduce a bill to broaden arrest authority for Wardens
- Primary seat belt legislation is a DOJ proposal
- Mental health legislation
- Tow Truck operator's legislation

** A seconded motion from the committee to send a letter to Governor Schweitzer supporting mental health legislative issues, concerning the need to expand community based services.

Motion passed

By Laws – NR

Funding and Fiscal – NR

Necrology - It was noted that Missoula County Deputy Sheriff Ed Jemison passed away October 13, 2006, and Yellowstone County Deputy Dave Briese passed away November 3, 2006.

It was agreed that we should look into placing obituaries in the news letter.

Directors Report –The step grant was renewed and we are up from 23 counties to 27 counties participating.

** Motion by Tom Skinner to draft a letter to Attorney General McGrath expressing the Boards concerns over the word “Trooper” being displayed on Montana Highway patrol vehicles.

2nd by Greg Hintz

Motion Passed

Dennis McCave advised that he is going forward with planning a joint conference with MPPA and MACOP for 2008. He advised that it would have to be held July 22-28 on 2008.

Appointments and Liaisons:

MBCC – Jim Cashell advised that they will meet December 7 and a new chair will be appointed.

Coroners – NR

MLEA – NR

NSA – NR

POST – Dennis McCave advised that a new director should be appointed soon.

WSSA – Tony Harbaugh reported that the annual conference will be March 6-9, 2007 in Reno, NV.

S&R – NR

MACo/NACo – NR

911 – NR

Operation Lifesaver – NR.

MACo Risk Management – NR

Homeland Security – NR

Special Olympics – NR

Private Security and Investigators – NR

Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial – NR

MDT – Dave Castle advised they will meet December 14 in Helena.

IMPD – NR

SIEC – NR

DOC Advisory – Dave Castle advised that they will meet November 30 in Helena.

Concealed Weapons – Cheryl advised that they have met and are discussing reciprocity issues.

Other Business:

Dennis McCave expressed concerns on the private jail being built in Hardin.

Bill Fleiner advised that DOC is not contracting with them for beds.

Greg Hintz will contact Bill Barron to get his handbook for Dan Birdsill.

Next meeting will be held January 17-18 in Billings, MT.

Meeting adjourned.