MINUTES: ALABAMA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS ASSOCIATION, QUARTERLY MEETING, TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA, JULY 27, 1995

I. CALL TO ORDER:
President Bill Meadows called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Anita Moran welcomes everyone to the meeting in Tallapoosa County.
Anita also introduced Sheriff Jimmy Abbott, the new Sheriff of Tallapoosa County along with City Councilman of Dadeville Charles Henderson. Mr. Henderson also extended his welcome to everyone.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion and second to accept Agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUEST:
Bill Meadows introduced Ray Preston as Systems Designer replacing Keith Woodard.
John Ellison introduced Pete Kellum with Falcon Direct.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING:
Motion and second to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:
Motion and second to approve financial report as circulated. Motion carried.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
A. TRAINING
In the absence of Larry Amerson, Tommy Gardner Calhoun County Administrator stated that the library was still being maintained. Bill Meadows asked Mr. Gardner to touch base with Larry Amerson and ask him if he still desired to remain chairman of the training committee and let us know at the October meeting.
It was discussed that some agencies had a need for the Basic Forty Hour APCO Telecommunicator course.

B. Levelized Billing
To be covered under Legislation item (G).

C. Newsletter
Dennis encouraged everyone to send in articles that they thought would be interesting to the membership.

D. Conference
Dennis asked the membership to let him know if they had a special topic that they would like covered at the conference.

E. Addressing
Bill Meadows said that some progress had been made with Mr. Hoover in Memphis. Mr. Hoover has agreed to put some of the people back in AMS - Address Management Systems in Alabama in order to get 9-1-1 addressing done. GTE has also agreed to change the service address, but they might place a charge for that change. South Central Bell was asked to look into the situation where the Billing address was changed and not the service address and report back to the membership. Bill also asked Debbie to put a progress report in the newsletter. Bill requested that Bell put a step by step procedure on how to get the inside front cover changed.
F. WIRELESS
John Ellison discussed some of the things that are in the future that will require to be transmitted by means of wireless. He also asked that each of us contact our Senators and ask them to talk to the FCC in regards to the different problems that need to be fixed with the wireless issues.

G. LEGISLATION
Bill Meadows announced that our legislation did pass, but we still have a problem. Bill announced that at the very last minute before the legislative Bill was voted on an amendment was added, which states, the governing body and the E 9-1-1 board of the county to be effected shall jointly be responsible for purchasing and installing street signs, to properly identify all roads and streets. Bill also stated that levelized billing was fixed. Bill also discussed the other things that we wanted to be addressed in the legislation and told how and why they were not included in the bill that passed. Bill Meadows also asks us to be thinking about whether or not we would like to become a registered lobbying group and we can address it at the October meeting.

H. NOMINATIONS
John Ellison reported that we had two excellent nominations for 2nd vice president, Art Faulkner and Seth Phelps. Bill Meadows then opened the nominations from the floor; hearing none, a motion and a second was made to close nominations. With the nominations being Art Faulkner and Seth Phelps, motion carried.

John Ellison made a motion that we have a procedure whereas candidates running for 2nd vice president be sent a form by our secretary treasurer to be signed by the candidates employer, agreeing that the employer would allow the candidate the time needed to pursue this job for the next four years. Said form should be completed and returned to the secretary treasurer before the fall conference. Motion seconded and carried.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:
A. CELLULAR COMPANIES
Has already been discussed in a previous topic.

B. MOBILE COUNTY LITIGATION
Dennis Stapleton reported that the long and short of it was the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Circuit Court. The Jury in that case had awarded a Million Dollars to the plaintiff against the Mobile County Communications District. The District’s Attorney filed two motions which were, #1 to set aside the verdict because they didn’t prove their case. The Judge agreeded and set aside the verdict. The second motion was that the Communications District be brought under the liability cap that Counties and Municipalities fall under which is One Hundred Thousand Dollar maximum per cause. The judge also approved the second motion. The case was then appealed to the supreme court, the supreme court held up the hundred thousand dollar cap, but awarded the plaintiff one hundred thousand dollars.

C. AGENCIES RECOMMENDING OTHER THAN 9-1-1
Nothing to report.

D. MINIMUM STANDARDS
Nothing to report.

E. JACKSON COUNTY REQUEST TO PSC
Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
A. LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR CONFERENCE/ASSOCIATION - INCORPORATION OF AL NENA
Motion and second was made that we incorporate, but not buy conference insurance unless the attorney recommends it. Motion passed.
B. FROM THE FLOOR

It was discussed that the new state EMS PCR form had a block which asked if 9-1-1 was used in reporting the call. This would allow us to use this as an information source.

It was discussed that starting next year the conference hotel does not want us using their eight hundred number to register, but instead use a registration form.

Seth Phelps discussed that an employee had sued their communications districts for wrongful discharge. The judge ruled against the employee. The board then filed a frivolous law suit and won it, and the ex-employee had to pay better than ten thousand dollars in damages to the board and their insurance company.

Mike Sellers stated that South Central Bell was looking at problem areas brought on by the cable cut in Shelby County and after their results were in, they would be getting with each 9-1-1 center to notify us of the problem areas.

Mike also said that they had sent out a customer service questionnaire, and had had poor response, which was possibly due to the absence of a self addressed stamped envelope and he apologized for them not being mailed. He said that he would send us a copy of the result of the ones that did come in.

It was also discussed that we would be seeing soft dial tone service in our area shortly. GTE will not provide ALI, but South Central Bell will provide ALI. At this point we are not sure that GTE will not be able to provide ALI.

The APCO state chapter will meet on August 29 in Limestone County.

IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

This has already been discussed under section VIII B.

X. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD DURING THE ANNUAL AL NENA CONFERENCE OCTOBER 15-18, 1995. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.