

2011 Annual Report - DRAFT



SEWCRSG MISSION

The SEWCRSG is enhancing public safety communication systems by facilitating regional peer networking of emergency service providers. This is being accomplished through:

- Regular dialogue and information sharing
- Training
- Interoperability advancement
- Coordination with other related state/local initiatives

2011 – THE HIGHLIGHTS

SEWCRSG continued to fulfill its mission and also made progress moving forward with important communication initiatives over the past year. Below are some of the accomplishments of 2011.

- The SEWCRSG hosted a 6-hour low cost dispatcher training class, which was attended by 20 people.
- The SEWCRSG, in partnership with WI-NENA and WI-APCO, continued to provide support for the Wisconsin Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (WI-TERT). WI-TERT team members were requested to provide assistance at the Capital in both February and March. Team members also assisted with two communication unit leader (COM-L) certification exercises and a simulation communication (SIMCOM) exercise.
- The SEWCRSG held its second annual drawing and awarded two dispatchers registration and lodging for attendance at the 2011 WI-NENA Annual Fall Conference.
- Committee meetings continued to provide SEWCRSG members a regular forum for networking and sharing information.

SEWCRSG COMMITTEE

In 2011 the SEWCRSG was served by the following officers:

President: Wendy Maechtle

Vice President: Sergeant Jill Raffay

Treasurer: Becky Leigh

Secretary: Paul Keltner

The SEWCRSG committee continued to meet regularly in 2011, holding a total of five meetings. Each meeting gave members an opportunity to share information and resources about other related state/local initiatives they are part of including WI-APCO, WI-NENA, the 9-1-1 Joint Legislative Committee, the State Interoperability Executive Council and the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program.

2011 Membership

The SEWCRSG's membership continued to hold steady in 2011 with a total of 138 individuals on the e-mail distribution list. In 2011, the committee received dues payments from 23 active voting members and 3 WI-TERT Members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jefferson County
Leon Ruder - Watertown Police Dept

Kenosha County
Sgt. Horace Staples - Kenosha County Sheriff's Dept

Milwaukee County
Becky Leigh - Oak Creek Police Dept

Ozaukee County
Wendy Maechtle - Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office

Racine County
Sgt. Robert Kacmarcik - Racine County Sheriff's Dept

Walworth County
Capt. Kevin Williams - Walworth County Sheriff's Dept

Washington County
Sgt. Jill Raffay - Washington County Sheriff's Dept

Waukesha County
Brian Jansen - Waukesha Police Department

SE WI Regional Planning Commission
Vacant

WI State Patrol
James Westover - WSP, Waukesha Post

WI Dept of Transportation
Paul Keltner - WisDOT Bureau of Transportation

2011 Treasurer's Report

In 2011, the SEWCRSG continued to collect membership dues. Treasurer's reports are presented at each committee meeting and a complete report for 2011 is provided below.

Beginning Balance: \$1,204.74

Total Income: \$907.00

- 2011 Dues: \$300.00
- 10/14/11 Training Registration Fees: \$300.00
- 12/09/11 Holiday Luncheon: \$307.00

Total Expenditures: \$1,107.76

- 2010 SEWCRSG Web site Renewal Fee: \$43.05
- WI-NENA Award - Registration Fees: \$250.00
- WI-NENA Award - Lodging Fees: \$280.00
- SEWCRSG Meeting Refreshments: \$93.72
- 10/14/11 Training Refreshments: \$133.99
- 12/09/11 Holiday Luncheon Deposit: \$307.00

Ending Balance: \$1,003.98

- Petty Cash: \$69.19
- Checking Account: \$934.79

TRAINING

Radio 101

SEWCRSG hosted a 6-hour specialized training course to increase dispatchers' knowledge of state and national interoperable radio channels as well as increase their knowledge of their own radio system. Brian Jansen (Waukesha Police Dept) and James Westover (Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance) provided this informative training. The first half of the training was held in the classroom and focused on general radio use, learning about mutual aid channels, understanding the purpose and benefits of patching as well as answering attendees' questions on radio use. The second half of the training was hands-on and was conducted utilizing three mobile command posts that were brought to the training. The SEWCRSG sponsored this low cost training, which was presented on Friday, October 14, 2011. A \$15 registration fee was charged to defer the cost of lunch during the training session. There were 20 participants in attendance representing 8 agencies.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

"We are part of a group of people that want to share experiences, help people and can relate to the unique type of job and personality that makes us who we are."

-Amy Chess

"I feel renewed again after attending this conference!"

-Todd Whitrock

INTEROPERABILITY

In 2011 the Interoperability committee continued to focus determining the best means to assist with enhancing communication when an incident extends across jurisdictional boundaries. The committee determined that it would be best to assist with updating the Communication Asset Survey/Mapping (CASM) tool as a means for providing agency information to assist during such situations.

OUTREACH

The SEWCRSG partnered with the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program again in 2011 and hosted a booth in the vendor area at the 2011 WI-NENA Annual Fall Conference. Informational outreach literature was available at the booth.

SUPPORT

In 2011 the SEWCRSG committee again voted to hold a drawing for the purpose of awarding two dispatchers registration and lodging to attend the WI-NENA Annual Fall Conference. The total scholarship amount was \$265 per recipient. The conference was held October 23-26, 2011 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Both attendees wrote thank you letters to the SEWCRSG committee and provided information on their experiences at the conference.

Amy Chess with Racine County Sheriff's Office wrote "It was a great experience to meet so many knowledgeable, seasoned professionals that truly care about this profession and want to see each other succeed. Without SEWCRSG I would have never been able to have this experience during these tight economic times. I not only had a pleasant experience and learned valuable information, I took away a sense of belongingness, inspiration, and professionalism."

Todd Whitrock with Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office said "I found it very interesting to learn of the new technology coming to dispatch. The information that I have obtained from the conference, I have already started to disseminate to my fellow dispatchers. I like the fact of the conference ending with a motivational speaker. It gave me a new perspective going back to my dispatch center."



Amy Chess
Racine County Sheriff's Office



Todd Whitrock
Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office