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From: Rick Hamlin – E. Division Director

Subject: National Board of Directors Annual Meeting 2007 update

Greetings All-

I am just back from the National Board of Directors Annual Meeting in Denver. I will provide a more detailed review of the reports and actions taken at our conference call this week, but wanted to give you a very brief overview of the results of the suggestions that we made in my letter to Chairman LaLiberte. Let me say that this was a great meeting and the Board, our National Chairman, and our new Executive Director worked in a very efficient and professional manner that we all can be very proud of. Here is the summary of their actions related to our suggestions:

Dues Increase – There will be no dues increase this year.

Annual Registration – The Board voted to return to the registration process where all of the Division registration information will be sent to Donna, who will pass it on to you to provide to Patrol Directors. PDs will send their Division and National registrations to Donna, who will forward the National registrations to Denver.

Division Database Information – The Board voted to return the e-mail field to the Division Directors' online download so no special request will need to be made to the National office for them.

Division Director Elections – The Board voted to approve the Request for Board Action to remove section 6.2.3 B(2) from Policies and Procedures. This portion of the Policies and Procedures states that with regard to Division Director elections “The national chair shall review and approve the slate of candidates prior to the selection.”

Software Fees – The Board is pursuing the retrieval of member funds that were expended for software that did not function and is no longer being used.

Improve the Voting Process – The Board voted to utilize a new firm, VoteNet, for our national voting process. By using this firm we will get unlimited numbers of votes and the ability to use the system to send questionnaires to Patrollers and it will cost less.

Service Address, NSP Corporation, New York – This topic was not discussed at the meeting.

NSP FCC Radio Licenses and Proposed Changes – The Board voted to reinstate the position of National Communications Advisor so that we may properly address pending changes to FCC regulations. (They have not appointed the person yet, but I told them that Dick Woolf had confirmed that he was interested in once again holding the position that the National Board eliminated in 1996.)

A Final Suggestion –We had suggested that one of the steps that the Board could take to help the healing process is to acknowledge to the members that the actions that were taken and approved by the board to fight the members regarding board term limits and elections were wrong. The tone of this meeting was very different and much improved over past meetings. Our National Chairman, Terry LaLiberte set a very positive tone in his opening remarks by stating that the goals of the Board were to operate in an open and transparent manner, to seek input from members and act on that information. He stated that the Board wishes to build faith and trust with Patrollers and to rebuild the Board–Member relationship that has been damaged by past Board actions.

Summary – As you can see, the vast majority of the actions that we told our National Chairman that we would view as positive signs that the Board wished to rebuild the bridge of trust were acted upon by the NBOD. It is important to note that these actions were based solely on our suggestions. We did not have to file official Request for Board Actions to force some action by the Board. I believe that actions always speak louder than words and the Board has certainly acted in a way at this meeting that sends a very loud and extremely positive message to all Patrollers by their actions.

I don't believe we could have asked for better outcomes from this meeting.

-Rick