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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 6, 2006
TO: MERA Executive Committee
FROM: Martin J. Nichols, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM E: MERA TRAINING

Recommended Action: Adopt a policy and/or plan for providing training on the use of MERA radios to member agencies.

Background:

The primary issue is should MERA assume the new responsibility of organizing ongoing training for MERA members? MERA's original responsibility was to:

- 1) Provide a "train-the-trainer" program
- 2) Acquire computer software for each agency to be used for the training of new employees.

Both of these responsibilities have been met.

If the Committee determines that MERA should assume the responsibility for ongoing training, there are alternate training methods for consideration:

- 1) Motorola has an "online" training service to which we could subscribe.
- 2) Motorola or MERA could contract with a firm or individual to provide ongoing training.
- 3) New round of a "train-the-trainer" effort could be organized.

Any new training responsibilities should be fee based (not paid from operational funds) because not all agencies may want to participate.