

ASSOCIATED POLICE COMMUNICATION OFFICERS

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ST. LOUIS, MO.

To all men engaged in police communication work:—

Now that police radio has been adopted by most of the cities in this country, it is time for the men who are responsible for the continued success of police radio, to think about exchanging ideas so that the highest possible degree of efficiency can be reached with the least amount of individual experimentation and expense.

Here in St. Louis, we are trying constantly to keep station KGPC operating effectively, as our records will show. However, I do not attempt to convince myself that the acme of perfection in communications has been reached, or that I have utilized every means to increase efficiency, that has been tried. My knowledge of operation methods has been more or less confined to our own department, and I am sure that some good ideas have been worked out in other departments which could be used to our advantage, if we were familiar with them. Inversely, we can say that there is a possibility that we can be of assistance to the other fellow.

With the above in mind, I wrote to several police radio heads, outlining a proposed organization of police communication officers, and suggested that the first meeting be held here in St. Louis beginning January twenty-first and to include January twenty-fourth. I am pleased to inform you that I have received many, many letters in answer to the proposal, and without exception they indicate that the idea is a step in the right direction. Most of the communication heads plan on attending and I am sure the time and money expended will be worth while, both to the various police departments and to the communication officers.

Our commissioner is heartily in favor of the proposition and assures me that, should the organization become existent it will receive the fullest co-operation of this department. Representatives of this department, who were sent to the Crime Prevention Commission, now convening at Washington, D. C., were instructed to advise other department officials, of the proposed organization, requesting that they encourage communication men to join.

Among the possibilities offered by the association are:—

1. To exchange ideas for the efficient operation of police radio including transmission, reception, announcement, handling of telephone calls, keeping of records, repair work, trouble finding, etc.
2. To collectively recommend changes, where necessary in commercial police receiver and transmitter design.
3. To collectively represent police radio in recommendations and requests to Federal Authorities.
4. To recommend the use of materials found to be of good quality, and to report adversely on materials of inferior quality.
5. To demand co-operation from manufacturers, where it is necessary and to be guided in the future purchases by such co-operation, or lack of it.
6. To promote a more harmonious relation between police departments and between police radio systems, and to replace a possible feeling of rivalry with one of mutual understanding and co-operation.
7. To permit you to investigate personally, the advantages offered over the system used by you, so that you might intelligently improve your service, and inversely, to offer the advantages you utilize, to the other departments.
8. To form ordinances which will prevent undesirables from using mobile receiving equipment.
9. To standardize inter-state communication methods.
10. To create and circulate a journal or pamphlet each month devoted entirely to police communications and containing information, questions and answers, suggestions and generalities on police communication work.

Now, with the above advantages in mind, I believe you will agree that ours will be a worth-while organization, and you should make every effort to attend on January 21st, 1935. However, whether or not you can attend the convention, you owe it to yourself and to your department to become a member, and to join the organization immediately so that we may carry on what we have started. I have outlined a plan for financing and believe that a very nominal expenditure on your part will suffice. Elsewhere in this literature you will find the financial plan and other explanatory data. Kindly fill in the enclosed application blank and forward it immediately with \$2.50 to cover first year's membership. This will permit me to proceed with the many arrangements necessary.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me for any service which I may render. Hoping to see you at the first convention of the ASSOCIATED POLICE COMMUNICATION OFFICERS, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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