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MCP EXPANDS STAFF ONCE AGAIN TO KEEP PACE WITH FIRM’S GROWTH

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (October 19, 2015)—Mission Critical Partners, Inc. (MCP) announced today the addition of several new staff members who recently joined the firm in a variety of roles, including consulting, administration, and information technology. The staff expansion is being driven by the firm’s impressive growth this year; Inc. magazine, in its 34th annual ranking, recently named MCP as one of the fastest-growing private companies in the United States for 2015.

The new hires are as follows:

John Spearly, director of administration—Spearly is leading MCP’s support team, which includes the firm’s marketing, public relations and quality assurance/quality control functions. Prior to joining MCP, he served for 11 years as chief executive officer for Blair Orthopedic Associates in Altoona, Pa., where he oversaw a staff of 60 physicians, therapists and support personnel. Spearly also has extensive public safety experience, having served earlier in his career as director of emergency services for a hospital and as a paramedic/emergency medical technician (EMT) for an ambulance service.

Sherry Griffith Powell, communications consultant—Griffith Powell joins MCP with more than two decades of public safety experience. For the last 10 years, she served in director positions for several service providers supporting the 911 sector, and is the former chair of the National Emergency Number Association’s Next Generation 911 Education and Training Committee. Griffith Powell started her career with the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications, eventually becoming CSEC’s wireless program manager.

Gary Loflin, communications consultant—Prior to joining MCP, Loflin served the York County, S.C., for more than 25 years, most recently as director of the county’s Department of Public Safety Communications. In this role, he oversaw three highly significant projects among many others: the procurement and deployment of a countywide, nine-site, 800 MHz, Project 25 trunked radio system; the installation of a 900 MHz alphanumeric paging system; and the consolidation of the county’s public safety answering points. Loflin also led the implementation of a wide-area network that connects all government facilities in the county.

Heather McGaffin, communications consultant—McGaffin began her public safety career nearly a decade ago as a communications officer for Calvert County, Md., where she fielded 911 calls and dispatched emergency response. She eventually became a communications supervisor and then the county’s assistant chief of communications; in this latter role, McGaffin oversaw several telephony, computer-aided dispatch, and radio system upgrades. She also is a training officer certified by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO).

Michael Milas, communications consultant—Prior to joining MCP, Milas served in a variety of roles in a public safety career that has spanned more than three decades. Notably, he served for four years as executive director of the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority, a joint powers authority that provided research and planning support to public safety agencies in Santa Clara County, Calif.; in this role, he managed several large-scale public safety technology projects. Milas also was elected to three consecutive terms as sheriff of Ozaukee, Wis., and was a shift commander for eight years while serving as a lieutenant with the Washington County (Wis.) Sheriff’s Department.

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Ryan Maynard, network administrator—Maynard, a recent graduate of Penn State University, is supporting MCP’s various networks and systems, as well as its help desk function. Prior to joining MCP, he served an information technologies internship with Health Market Science, a leading provider of data analytics solutions that is a unit of LexisNexis.

“It is vitally important that MCP continues to stockpile the most experienced, most knowledgeable professionals in the public safety sector to serve our clients, because their mission matters so much,” said Kevin Murray, MCP’s president and cofounder. “This year has been terrific in terms of expanding our team and our business, and we’re looking forward to more of the same in 2016.”

About Mission Critical Partners (MCP)

MCP provides innovative consulting to clients with life safety communications missions throughout North America. With a professional staff of more than 80 employees, the MCP team includes former public safety managers, Project Management Professionals (PMPs), Emergency Number Professionals (ENPs), and technology, forensic and policy specialists. MCP’s services include Executive Consulting/Master Planning; Emergency Management Communications; Next Generation 911 Planning and Implementation; Land Mobile Radio; Facility/Technology Integration; Broadband Deployment; Consolidation Services; and Forensics/Systems Analysis. Additional information and career opportunities are available at www.mcp911.com.

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