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Dear member and supporter of FATV:

With 2015 upon us, we get a chance to reflect on 2014 and some of the major things that happened here at Fitchburg Access Television. First and foremost our sincere thanks go out to you, our members and supporters, who continue to give of your time (and money) to keep FATV among the top Access facilities in the Northeast. Without you, we have nothing.

As we reported last year, our entire production chain (studio, production truck and edit suites) are all High Definition enabled. This also includes most of the field cameras we have available for member use. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that we still do not have any High-Def channels. The city is currently in negotiation with Comcast on a new contract but thus far Comcast is not budging in their refusal to provide HD Access channel(s) to customers in Fitchburg. Our Verizon contract still has 5 years left before renewal. However, not all is lost...

We are close to upgrading our master control equipment that will allow live streaming of all 3 of our channels from our website in HD! (Currently we have one stream in standard definition). Also, our Video on Demand (VOD) service will be available in Hi-Def. Yes, we still want/need HD programming on our Comcast/Verizon channels. But with more and more people accessing their TV programming online, this will be a major step forward.

We are also happy to report our Multi-Camera Production course held in conjunction with Fitchburg State University will continue. This credited course which is based here at FATV gets underway later this month.

So, whether you're a longtime member or a "newbie" that wants to take advantage of our many classes and workshops, I hope you'll take a moment and show your support for FATV by continuing your membership with us. We keep our rates low because we believe the most important word in our name is "Access". Enclosed is a return envelope for your convenience.

- Individual: \$20/yr
- Family Membership: (same household) \$40/yr
- Organizational Membership: \$60
- Lifetime Individual Membership: \$200
- Lifetime Family Membership: \$250

As always, abundant thanks goes to you, our tireless volunteers, who provide the ideas, talent and inspiration that allow us to do what we do. You are the best!

\*\* If you have changed any of your contact information, please let us know to update our database. \*\*

Sincerely,

Dave Svens  
Executive Director  
Fitchburg Access Television