

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 21, 2012**

PRESENT:

**Roy Brown, Chairman
Kevin McDonald
William Hughes Jr.
Matt Murell
Jeffrey Nayer
John Porreca Sr.
Jeffrey Braley
Valerie Bertram, non-voting member**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Dan Kibler
Arlene Levinson
Rob Lopez
John Howe
Dennis McEvoy
PJ Keeler
Sheriff Harrison
Paul Czajka
William Black
Thomas Lanphear**

PRESS: 2

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Fire Coordinator: J. Howe

Resolution Request: Appointment of Justin A. Elliott of Hudson to the Columbia County Cause and Origin Team, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

Resolution Request: Appointment of Joseph H. Loeffler of Valatie to the open position of Deputy Fire Coordinator, annual salary \$2,500.00, motion by J. Braley, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

J. Howe has been working with John Farrell of Greene County and Rob Lopez to come up with a MOU regarding the acceptance of grant money for the sustainment of the WMD trailers.

The Coordinators Office has been represented at 15 meetings / functions and 6 multiple alarm fires during the last month.

The Coordinators Office is currently working on a plan with the Sheriff's Office for water emergencies on the Hudson River.

E911- R. Lopez

Resolution Request: Request to enter into a data usage agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Cyber Security, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

The Office of Cyber Security (OCS) has embarked on a major project after receiving grant money to create a detailed statewide address point dataset. This will expand on the current NYS Address Points, improve their positional accuracy and maintain them in the NENA address standard. Standardized, accurate, and up-to-date address points are a required dataset for Next Generation 911 (NG911). This presents a challenge because consistently formatted address data are not uniformly available across the state. Centralizing the address point data build effort will result in the least costly solution for all. As a result DHSES OCS is seeking Data from Counties so they may build a statewide address database, and a statewide parcel layer. Address Point data provided will be returned to the submitting Organization with the new NENA Address Data Standard attributes

appended and populated. The Statewide parcel layer will be developed into a publicly accessible digital statewide parcel data layer.

Information: Eger Communications has issued Columbia County 911 with a Tower Lease Agreement Amendment. This amendment pertains to their replacement tower project and that we would be responsible for moving our equipment from the old tower to the new tower once completed. I had identified this in the 2011 Budget and had it added to the Radio Project. The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the amendment.

Information: Requesting permission as long as we meet the requirements to apply for Round 2 of the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant. The object for this grant is to improve communications through developing regionally focused land mobile radio systems for public safety use among two or more counties supporting multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline, including State agencies, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

Agency Data:

Call volume for May was 4,852 calls.

In May Columbia County 911 dispatched:

1043 EMS Agencies

292 Fire Agencies

1181 Police Polls

546 Public Service Calls which includes (Controlled burns, Highway Dept calls, Power Company, Phone Company, Cable Company, Addressing etc.....)

Probation Dept. - D. Kibler

On May 15, 2012 Supervisor Michele Clarke, PO Don Coons and PO Lauren Ricci attended a Juvenile Justice Reform training sponsored by the New York State Prosecutors Institute in Albany, NY. The training focused on evidence based practices that have proven to reduce recidivism in juvenile delinquents. There was also a presentation from Chief NYC Judge Jonathan Lippman, who is highly in favor of changing the legal age of criminal responsibility in New York to age 18. Legislation is now pending in the state legislature to create a youth division in the New York State Supreme Court which would hear the cases for all 16 and 17 year old non-violent offenders.

On 06/20/2012 Senior Probation Officer Vincent Doto will be attending training in Poughkeepsie, NY for Stable-2007 and Acute-2007, sex offender specific risk assessment instruments. Stable-2007 and Acute-2007 are dynamic tools designed to assess and track changes in risk status over time by assessing changeable risk factors. The Stable-2007 was developed to assess change in enduring dynamic risk factors that are amenable to treatment interventions, assess treatment needs, and help predict recidivism of sex offenders. The Acute-2007 was developed to assess factors that are suggestive of sexual recidivism taking place in the near future. The Stable-2007, Acute-2007, and the Static-99 can be combined to produce an overall assessment of a sex offender's recidivism risk. Stable-2007 and the Acute-2007 are now available via the COMPAS Suite of the Integrated Justice Portal. The training is sponsored by OPCA on these tools taught by Dr. Robin Wilson.

On 06/08/2012 a victim of domestic violence came to this department to complete a Family Offense petition in order to receive an Order of Protection. The alleged perpetrator followed the victim to the Probation Department and asked to speak with the officer assisting the victim. The alleged perpetrator was briefly interviewed, instructed to leave the department and advised that the alleged perpetrator could return and speak with the officer in an hour or so. The alleged perpetrator left the building but was seen by staff milling around outside across the street, seemingly waiting for the victim to come out. Hudson Police Department (HPD) was notified and instructed the alleged perpetrator to leave the area. Probation Department staff escorted the victim to the victim's vehicle and HPD followed the vehicle to the Columbia County Courthouse. Courthouse staff were notified of the situation prior to the victim leaving the Probation Department. It was learned

through our interviews with the victim that the alleged perpetrator has made threats to harm any police officer attempting to serve an Order of Protection. The alleged perpetrator is known to possess firearms. The Sheriff's Office, HPD and New York State Police were notified.

NYS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives are in the process of updating the Supervision Rules and Regulations. The rules have not seen a significant update in approximately thirty (30) years. Training for this update began on 05/31/2012 and will be continuing throughout the month of June in anticipation of the rule change occurring in December of this year. This training is mandatory for all officers.

Ignition Interlock Device current total cases = 111 (59 Conditional Discharge and 52 Probation cases).

Public Defender – A. Levinson

Distribute May 2012 monthly report for review.

.4 to .4 Form Request :transferring \$750 from 4080 (Printing/copying) to 4264 (Supplies). Motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.

Request \$3,000 be added to Professional Services Other (4429) due to increase in examination of clients (3 thus far with at least 2 more coming soon), this request will be discussed with R. Caponera, K. McDonald and Chairman Grattan to find monies, refer to Budget & Salary.

Resolution Request: Authorization for the Columbia County Public Defender and Albany Investigation and Process Services LLC to authorize A. Levinson to sign contract on behalf of Columbia County and to have said contract retroactive to June, 20, 2012, this service is for private services at a rate of \$70.00 per hours plus mileage at the IRS rate not to exceed \$19,500.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Refer to Finance.

Conference Objective Form: Assigned Counsel Family Court Appeals Update '12, on June 29, 2012 at the Century House in Latham, NY at no cost, sending one (1) employee, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried.

Emergency Management: T. Lanphear

.2 Request: 20 Computers w/attachments, at a cost of \$10,438.00 to replace existing computers, motion to approve by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Porreca Sr., Refer to Budget & Salary.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Harrison

Resolution Request – Authorization for the Sheriff to enter into an agreement with United Way 2-1-1 for public safety phone information, motion by W. Hughes, Jr. seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request – Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to accept and sign the Byrne Jag Grant Award in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing marine equipment. GMS# BJ12-1013-D00, DCJS# BJ11632605, motion by motion by W. Hughes, Jr. seconded by J. Porreca Sr., motion carried. . Refer to Finance.

Conference Objective Form – Train the Trainer Explosive Detection School, July 24 – July 25, 2012, Stillwater, Oklahoma, \$3,716.00 (federal grant), motion by W. Hughes, Jr. seconded by J. Porreca Sr., motion carried.

Yellow Dot Program: this is a free life saving program. It is designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention that first “golden hour” after a crash or other emergency. Place a Yellow Dot decal in the driver’s-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment. This Yellow Dot kit can also be used to alert those who respond to an emergency in your home. Simply place a Yellow Dot decal on or beside your front door and place a completed card for each occupant in a clear plastic freezer bag and place in a visible location on your refrigerator.

Out of County Inmate Report: May \$55,725.00; YTD: \$171,825.00.

Second Alternate Conflict Defender: D. McEvoy

Conference Objective Form: NYS Defenders Association Annual Meeting and Conference, July 23-24, 2012 in Saratoga Springs, NY, one (1) attending at a total cost of \$210.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.

EMS: PJ Keeler

Resolution Request: Authorization to appoint Michael Potter to the vacant position of Deputy EMS Coordinator, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porreca Sr, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

District Attorney: P. Czajka

Resolution Request: Authorizing the District Attorney to make staffing changes, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Refer to Finance.

District Attorney Czajka informed the committee he will begin Traffic Tickets here at 401 State Street every Friday afternoon beginning at 2:00 PM in the First Floor Comm. room.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

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