

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**July 19, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

**Roy Brown, Chairman  
Kevin McDonald  
Jeffrey Nayer  
John Porreca, Sr.  
Jeffrey Braley  
William Hughes, Jr.  
Matt Murell**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Robert Lopez  
Arlene Levinson  
John Howe  
Sheriff Harrison  
Daniel Kibler  
PJ Keeler  
Dennis McEvoy  
Tara Becker, Health Dept.  
PRESS: 1**

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

**EMS: P.J. Keeler**

**An update by P.J. Keeler on the Regional Aid response plan, this is a six (6) region area and is being sent out to all agencies within the next 6 weeks. He will keep the committee apprized.**

**Public Defender: A. Levinson**

**Distributed June 2012 monthly report with review.**

**Probation: D. Kibler**

**On 06/25/2012 the Columbia County Probation Department was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by NYS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives in recognition of its contribution to public safety and offender accountability by achieving a DNA collection rate of offenders sentenced to probation of 92% for the 12 month period February 2011 through January 2012, ( M. Howard was mentioned for this Certificate).**

**Conference Objective Form: Probation Officers Lauren Ricci and Melissa Mueller are seeking permission to attend the NYS Probation Officers Association Annual Conference occurring from 08/08/2012 through 08/10/2012. Melissa Mueller to attend multiple days of the conference at a cost of \$210.00 which will be reimbursed through a 2012 NYS Probation Officer's Association Conference Scholarship. Lauren Ricci will attend one day of the conference at a cost of \$90 to be paid through our .4 account, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.**

**Ignition Interlock Device current total cases = 108 (59 Conditional Discharge and 49 Probation cases).**

**Columbia County 911: R. Lopez**

**Conference Objective Form:**

**One of the new per diem employees previously was certified as an EMD thru Priority Dispatch but allowed his certification to lapse. In order to re-certify he has to take a one day refresher advanced EMD on 8/1/2012 in Ct. Total cost for the course is \$99 which is budgeted, current budget balance in the Education Line is \$4,208.00, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.**

**Agency Data:**

**Call volume for June was 4,433 calls.**

**In June Columbia County 911 dispatched:**

1052 EMS Agencies

357 Fire Agencies

1,143 Police Polls

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

**Sheriff's Office:** Sheriff Harrison

**Conference Objective Form** – Dare Conference, 7/23 – 7/26/2012, Atlanta, Georgia, \$395.00 (airfare only – already paid by attendee), motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**Conference Objective Form** – Mobile Forensics 303, 7/31 – 8/2/2012, Sterling, Virginia, \$750.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried.

**Out of County Inmate Report: June \$46,355.00**

**Year to Date Billed: \$218,180.00**

**Fire Coordinator:** J. Howe

J. Howe is working with both the Columbia County Chief's Assoc. and the Columbia County Firefighters Assoc. to jointly bring a Mayday training seminar to the county. This program is a contract program at a cost of \$2000. The program would be available for up to 90 Firefighters. The cost would be split between all three entities, with the cost to the County of \$1000; the money is in the budget, motion by J. Braley, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried. Refer to Finance.

J. Howe, due to not having an equipment account in his 2012, he will transfer funds to cover some items in reference to gear for his deputies. This line item was overlooked. Chairman Brown will help him get this incorporated into the 2012 budget.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, J. Howe chaired a meeting to discuss the emergency services capabilities when responding to water emergencies on the Hudson River. The meeting was attended by 22 individuals representing 10 agencies. Many items were discussed and future meetings are to be held.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the Coordinators Office meet with our Fire Instructors to map out the schools for the rest of the year.

13 schools have been scheduled for the second half of the year using the remainder of our allotted 950 training hours.

To date 13 schools have been conducted attended by 229 students for a total of 5345 student hrs.

Since last month the Coordinators Office has been present at 19 meetings and 3 Mutual Aid fires.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Conflict Defender:** D. McEvoy: He did not have anything to present, but to let the committee know, a lot more courts are using them.

**Tara Becker from the Columbia County Health Dept.** was advised to attend the Public Safety meeting, giving the committee additional information for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, taking place July 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> located at the Dodd's Farm on Rte. 44 CR7D in Hillsdale, NY.

**They are estimating 6- 10,000 patrons throughout the weekend based on 2000-2011 figures. The approx. overnights expected are 3,000-4,000 this year. The 2012 emergency plan, along with a list of emergency personnel and their certification information. Northern Dutchess Paramedics will also be on-site for the duration. A volunteer crew of approximately 60 persons provides 24 hour security. Letters have been sent to all emergency service and related public works facilities notifying them of the event. 27 letters in all were sent to directors and supervisors at the following: 4 area hospitals, Fairview, Berkshire Med., Sharon and Columbia Memorial, NYS DOH/Capital district Field Office, Columbia County Emergency Communications Office, NY State Police both Salt Point and Livingston Barracks, Columbia County sheriff's Dept., the Board of Supervisors, Columbia county EMS, Fire, Homeland Security, County Dept. Public Works, Copake Rescue Squad, Hillsdale fire and Town Supervisor's Office, and NYS DOT. If you have further questions, you may contact Howard Randall at 860-364-5710 for further information.**

**With no further questions or business, a motion to adjourn at 6:21 PM by J. Braley, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.**

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