

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
August 21, 2012

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Rebecca Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
William Black
Dan Kibler
John Howe
Sheriff Harrison
Lt. Lanphear
Rob Fitzsimons
PJ Keeler
Richard Lindmark

Public: 5

Press: 9

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:26 PM.

E-911- R. Lindmark

Conference Request - Requesting permission to attend a Next Generation 911 Technology Seminar in Newburgh, NY on Thursday August 30, 2012. There is no cost for this conference and three people will be attending. Motion to approve by W. Hughes Jr. , seconded by J. Porreca, motion carried.

Info NG-911

Next Generation 9-1-1, or “NG911”, refers to an initiative to upgrade the nation’s 911 infrastructure to an IP (Internet Protocol) based architecture. In today’s 911 environment, the public primarily make only emergency voice calls and teletype calls (by deaf or hearing impaired persons). Minimal data is delivered to the 911 dispatch center from these calls. In the NG911 environment, the public will be able to make voice, text, and/or video emergency calls from any communications device via IP based networks. 911 dispatch centers will be able to receive data from personal safety devices as well. In 2008 the phone equipment was upgraded to receive wireless (cellular) 911 calls. During this upgrade, state-of-the art IP based phone switches were purchased and installed in preparation for NG911, using funding made available as part of a \$2.4 M grant. While much more will need to be done, they have already begun the work of preparing to meet the challenges NG911 will present at the local level.

Agency Data:

Call volume for July was 5,016 calls.

In July Columbia County 911 dispatched:

1145 EMS Agencies

315 Fire Agencies

368 Police Calls

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

Probation- D. Kibler

Ignition Interlock Device current total cases = 112 (61 Conditional Discharge and 51 Probation cases).

Fire Coordinator – J. Howe

Since last month’s meeting the Fire Coordinators Office has attended 12 meetings including two informational sessions concerning the TCI fire. The Office has been present at 6 multiple alarm fires, requiring the services of the C&O Team for 3 and the Haz-Mat Team for 2 of those alarms. Three Fire Schools began during the past month and are all filled to capacity.

Sheriff Harrison

Resolution Request - Authorization to fill a vacant FT LPN position at the Jail, due to resignation on July 27, 2012, with a base salary of \$40,020.00. Motion to approve by W. Hughes, Jr. , seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.**

Conference Request – Introduction to New York Safe Boating Course, August 23, 2012, Albany, New York. There is no cost and one person will be attending. Motion to approve by W. Hughes, Jr. seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.

Conference Request – NYS Sheriff's Association Supervisors Training, September 11 – 12, 2012, Albany, New York, The total cost is \$762.80 and four people will be attending. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by W. Hughes, motion carried.

Conference Request – Hank Williams Homicide Seminar, September 15 – 20, 2012, Lake George, New York. The total cost is \$850.00 (\$500.00 will be reimbursed by the NYS Sheriff's Assoc.) and one person will be attending. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

Conference Request – New York Data Exchange (NY-Dex) Use and Dissemination, August 30 – 31, 2012, Albany, New York. There is no cost and three people will be attending. Motion to approve by J. Braley, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr. motion carried.

Out of County Inmate Report:

Total billed for July – \$50,650.00

The YTD total is \$268,830.00 which is \$48,585.00 less than this time last year.

A copy of the Public Defenders monthly report was passed around to the Committee.

Emergency Management – W. Black and Lt. Lanphear

The Ghent Fire at the TCI building was discussed as well as the burglary that took place the same night. There were discrepancies with the story as far as the chain of events that they wanted to clarify.

They would like to send a letter recognizing certain individuals involved with the TCI event.

W. Hughes Jr. questioned why more dioxin tests were not carried out. It was explained it was left to the environmental and health experts as to which samples they should take, and the frequency of which they should be taken. J. Porreca announced that the Board needs to start taking a closer look at what exists in these County buildings. Reporting procedures were discussed briefly. It was clarified that they never ran out of foam.

Reverse 911 Reporting –

The opinion was announced that the Board of Supervisors did not provide the Public Safety Departments with the tools that they needed to handle the TCI situation in the best way, but that they handled the situation the best way they could with the tools they had available.

Information regarding three Reverse 911 Systems was provided to the committee. NY Alert was discussed in detail. The pros and cons of each proposed system were discussed.

J. Nayer announced that he did not feel this decision should be guided by cost.

R. Lopez and T. Lanphear looked at 8-10 different companies.

Resolution Request - Motion to authorize Columbia County E- 911 to purchases, implement, promote, and maintain the Code Red Emergency Communication System for emergency notification, giving Columbia County Emergency Management equal access to make notifications and that Columbia County 911 establishes policies and procedures accordingly. Motion to approve by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

The Counties State and Federal Representatives will assist the County in obtaining grant coverage. Lt. Lanphear said the County should still utilize NY Alert as a backup plan even if the County does purchase with Code RED. They plan to provide information to the public at the County Fair. It was decided that there would be a Special Full Board meeting on Monday August 27th at 6:30 PM to vote on this Resolution Request.

The committee thanked the Public Safety Team and the Chairman of the Committee.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM by W. Hughes Jr., seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.

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