

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**October 18, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk**  
**Robert Lopez**  
**Robert Linville**  
**John Howe**  
**Thomas Lanphear**  
**Daniel Kibler**  
**Gary Mazzacano**  
**William Black**  
**PJ Keeler**

**PRESS: 1**

**Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.**

**Probation: D. Kibler**

**Ignition Interlock Device current total cases = 114 (60 Conditional Discharge and 54 Probation cases).**

**Conference Objective Form: On 11/30/2012 members of the department are scheduled to attend training in Kingston, NY, sponsored by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), regarding upgrades to the e-Justice Integrated Justice Portal and various suites contained within each system. Officers will be shown how to access LAWMAN (a new data sharing initiative that will give law enforcement agencies greater and instantaneous access to information housed by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) through a secure internet portal), Domestic Repository, DMV Photo System, Sex Offender Management suite, Orders of Protection inquiry, N-DEx (provides law enforcement agencies with a powerful new investigative tool to search, link, analyze, and share information on a national basis to a degree never before possible), and the Criminal Justice Image Management suite. There is no cost with respect to this training. Officers are utilizing the county car for transportation, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.**

**Conference Objective Form: Members of the department have requested of DCJS to attend the 10/24/2012 training in Albany, NY concerning Bath Salts and Synthetic Drugs investigations. There is no cost with respect to this training. Officers are utilizing the county car for transportation, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.**

**Public Defender: R. Linville**

**Distribution of September 2012 monthly report for review. Noted there is a decrease over 2011 for applications by 11%.**

**Resolution Request:**

**Authorizing the Public Defender to transfer funds within the .4 Accounts in the amount of \$5,240.00 to cover costs until the end of 2012, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.**

**Resolution Request:**

**Authorization to approve a contract between NYS of Indigent Services and the County which provide payment over a 3 year period of June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2015 in the amount of \$151,743.00**

grant to be used by the Public Defender's Office: \$20,000 per year for experts & investigation services and \$30,581.00 for a Case Manager, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Porreca, Sr., carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

**Resolution Request:**

Authorizing the approval of the Indigent Legal Services contract being approved, and authorizing the Public Defender to immediately be able to contract with a part-time Case Manager and utilize the funds set aside for investigative and expert services, the grant fund contract is providing the Public Defender's Office with the sum of \$50,581 per year effective June 1, 2012 for 3 years to cover the costs of a part-time case manager and investigative and expert expenses, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

*E911: R. Lopez*

**Agency Data:**

Call volume for September was 4,618 calls.

**In September Columbia County 911 dispatched:**

1073 EMS Agencies

322 Fire Agencies

1175 Police Polls

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

Discussion ensued on adopting a local law to impose a wireless surcharge on wireless communications service not to exceed .30 cents per month (Home Rule Resolution #96-2005 and County Law 308-S\*2. Overview of discussion R. Lopez stated our current hardware has been in service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week since 2008 and needs to be replaced. In 2013 budget request R. Lopez asked for replacement of this hardware which amounts to approximately \$420,000.00. He also stated we are one of the 5 counties that do not collect a surcharge. The definition of "Eligible Wireless 911 service costs" related to a surcharge shall mean costs eligible for reimbursement and shall include the actual costs incurred by the locality related to the design, installation or maintenance of a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service, including but not limited to hardware, software, consultants, financing and other acquisition costs. A motion to continue to move the process of resolution for a public hearing for the Local Law, motion by J. Braley, seconded by J. Nayer, carried. One (1) opposed. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved refer to Finance.

**Fire Coordinator: J. Howe**

The Fire Coordinators Office has attended 28 meetings and 5 multiple alarm fires during the last month, including assisting in a 3 day search in the Copake area for a lost hiker.

Two Battalion meetings were conducted during the month. Battalions 4 and 5 on the 26<sup>th</sup> attended by 55 Fire Officers and Battalions 2 and 3 on the 27<sup>th</sup> attended by 48 Officers. All Fire Departments were represented.

**Resolution Request:**

Chief's representatives for the Fire Advisory Board were chosen at the Battalion meetings. Gary Mazzacano representing Battalions 2 and 3 and Paul Pratt representing Battalions 4 and 5 for a One (1) year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013, motion by M. Murell, seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**Resolution Request:**

Appointing David O. Shultis of Niverville as a member of the Cause and Origin Team. Beverly Magyar-Shultis of Niverville as an adjunct member of the Cause and Origin Team to serve on the Juvenile Fire Prevention Program, motion by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Porreca, Sr., carried

Schools have been well attended to date, 21 schools are complete with 349 students attending representing 7533 student hrs.

A meeting has been scheduled for October 24 at the Richmond Massachusetts Fire Station. This is an informal, informational meeting to meet our neighbors, discuss our challenges, and learn what types of resources are readily available not-so-far away. The following Columbia County Departments are attending, Lebanon Valley, Canaan, East Chatham, Red Rock, Austerlitz, Hillsdale, Copake, Ancram, And Craryville.

**Emergency Management:** W. Black

**Conference Objective Form:** NYS Emergency Management Association Winter conference in Syracuse NY on February 13, 2013, with 2 attending (B. Black & J. Howe) total cost per person is \$200.00, motion by J. Porreca, Sr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried.

**Conference Objective Form :**All Hazards Public Information Officer Course in State Preparedness Training Center on December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Oriskany, NY, one (1) attending at a cost of \$200.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried.

**EMS:** PJ Keeler

Education Update: EMT class with ten (10) new members, 15 in refresher courses.

EMS Advisory Schedule Update: Meetings will meet bi-monthly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at the PSB.

A drill is taking place on October 27, 2012 at the Albany Airport. All systems will be addressed.

**Sheriff's Office:** T. Lanphear

**Resolution Request:**

**Authorization to accept** the buckle Up New York Campaign Grant, in the amount of \$2,450.00 for the purpose of increasing seat belt usage in an effort to reduce serious injury or death from traffic accidents, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, carried. Refer to Finance.

**Authorization for the Sheriff's Office** to enter into an agreement with NYS DMV to access their four data sharing systems for law enforcement, W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried. Refer to Finance.

**Conference Objective Forms:**

**NAMI/NYS Educational Course-**The Golden Thread of Hope, November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, one (1) attending at a cost of \$300.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**FX3 – Total Station Training,** October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Sheriff's Office, three (3) attending at a cost per person \$150.00 totaling \$450.00, motion by J. Braley, seconded by M. Murell, carried.

**Bath Salts & Synthetic Drug Investigations,** October 24<sup>th</sup> at the NYSP Academy, two (2) attending, at no cost, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.

**2012 NYS Intelligence Summit, October 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> , 2012 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, two (2) attending at no cost, motion by J. Braley, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., carried.**

**Missing Persons Toolbox Training, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, in Albany County, four (4) attending at no cost, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by K. McDonald, carried.**

**Side Scan Sonar Training, October 19, 2012, in Cape Cod, MA, two (2) attending, at no cost, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Porreca, Sr., carried.**

**Out of County Inmate Report: Billed for September 2012: \$47,580.00/ Billed September 2011: \$58,395.00 . Year to date 2012 \$366,765.00; Year to date 2011: \$441,870.00**

**With no further business a motion to adjourn at 7:09 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.**

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