

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2013**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

John Porreca, Sr., notified
Edward Cross

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Robert Lopez
George Keeler
William Black
Thomas Lanphear
Robert Linville
Daniel Kibler
Dennis McEvoy
PJ Keeler
PRESS: 1

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

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Harrison

.2 Request: Industrial Dryer for the Jail, estimated cost \$5,418.00, motion by J. Braley, seconded J. Nayer, carried.

.2 Request: Four (4) Chevrolet Tahoes, cost totaling \$150,337.12 on State Contract, motion by J. Braley, seconded by K. McDonald, carried.

Conference Objective Form: Basic Civil School in Albany, NY One (1) attending on April 15-19, 2013, at a total cost of \$225.00, budgeted, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.

Conference Objective Form: Civil Supervisor's Training in Saratoga, NY One (1) attending on May 14-15, 2013, at a total cost of \$395.00, budgeted, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.

Out of County Inmate Report: 2/2013 \$47,845.00; YTD \$100,800.

EMO: T. Lanphear & W. Black

Emergency Lease agreement to replace the central printer at the Sheriff's Office. The current printer is constantly jamming and will not print properly. Lease agreement will consolidate the printer, and copier, and a saving of \$40.00 to \$50.00 per month. This is approved by the County Attorney and the Public Safety Committee to move forward with lease agreement.

B. Black informed the committee on the Local Emergency Planning Comm. (LEPC) bill submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec. 1 (f) by Assemblywoman Didi Barrett. The Title of the Bill is an act to amend the executive law, in relation to enacting the toxic release inventory program act. T. Lanphear was directed to send a letter to Assemblywoman Barrett to discuss and review what the procedure is at this time.

Fire Coordinator: G. Keeler

The Coordinator's Office has attended 15 meetings and been present at 10 multiple alarm fires in the last month.

Four requests for the C&O Team were filled. One response from the Haz-Mat team was also filled during the month.

The first half of the 2013 Fire Schools have been scheduled with 10 programs scheduled at this time.

Since January 1st, 5 schools have been completed with 98 students graduating representing 2440 student hours.

The Fire Coordinators Office would like to extend a Big Thank You to the Sheriffs Office for conducting 2 Boater Safety Courses for the County Firefighters. The courses were held in Germantown and Stuyvesant with 42 Firefighters attending.

Request for resumes are being sent to all County Fire Departments to fill a vacant Deputy Fire Coordinators position in Battalion 5, due to the resignation.

Probation: D. Kibler

Ignition Interlock Device current total cases = 126 (59 Conditional Discharge and 67 Probation cases). The above figures indicate a gradual but continuing increase in volume.

Submission of the 2012 Probation Department Annual Report for the committee's review pending approval at the April Public Safety Committee meeting.

The Criminal Court Unit Supervisor position was rendered vacant as of the effective date of my promotion to the position of Director. The Civil Service list for the position of Probation Supervisor expired leaving no valid list from which to promote an employee into that vacancy. I have requested that Civil Service offer the test for Probation Supervisor. The test will be given on June 1, 2013 with the results becoming available approximately two months thereafter. It is my intention to fulfill both the duties my current position and my former position until such time as I am able to fill the vacancy. Using the date of my promotion and anticipating not being able to fill the position until September, I calculate the potential for significant cost savings (02/23/2013 - 08/31/2013 = 135 work days at a daily rate of \$226 for a total of \$30,510). The position of Probation Supervisor is essential for the efficient and effective functioning of the Criminal Court Unit. I cannot perform both functions for an indefinite period of time. I am confident that for this brief duration that I can handle the additional duties.

New York State Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (OPCA) recently conducted a survey of all probation departments regarding monies collected by departments. In 2012 the **Columbia County Probation Department collected \$193,001.33 in restitution for crime victims** (statewide total collection: \$13,326,358.05). To give some perspective Greene County Probation collected \$105,023.31 and Delaware County Probation collected \$86,850.96 in 2012. Both Greene and Delaware Counties have departments that are similar in size with Columbia County.

Public Defender: R. Linville

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill the vacant, budgeted position of Assistant Public Defender I, at a salary of \$46,720.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, carried.. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved Forward to Finance.

911- R. Lopez

Conference Objective Form: Request for up to three Emergency Dispatchers attend Power Phone's Active Shooting Response. This training is being held on June 20 in Kingston, Ulster County. The cost for this training is \$209 per dispatcher. Total cost is \$627.00, total available in education budget is \$5000.00. This training is required, and counts as part of the NYS 911 Board required 21 hours of continuing education.

This course is designed to specifically address the role of the public safety telecommunicator in handling these incidents. Motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Nayer, carried.

Information-Request to bid: I would like to bid the Microwave service, and preventative maintenance. System has been up for several years and we have not had to pay for a service contract due to being on warranty. This item was budgeted for this year. Motion by M. Murell, seconded by K. McDonald, carried.

Agency Data:

Call volume for February was 4,369 calls.

1048 EMS Agencies

234 Fire Agencies

946 Police Polls

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

EMS: PJ Keeler

In house drill was done at Columbia Memorial Hospital Shooter

Drill. The EMT Class is winding down and update on the BIG UP August 8th & August 11th , EMS in Greenport.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM by M. Murell, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

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