

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 26, 2013

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

**Kevin McDonald, notified
John Porreca, Sr., notified
Edward Cross**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Becky Vinchiarello, Dep. Clerk
Daniel Kibler
Dave Costanzo
Robert Linville
Robert Lopez
PJ Keeler
William Black
John Howe
Lt. Lanphear
Dennis McEvoy**

PRESS: 2

Chairman Brown called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:00 PM

EMS - PJ Keeler

A response analysis was reviewed. Standby numbers for EMS have increased. Discussion ensued on the details of standby protocol and procedures. It was reported that there were 97 standbys in Chatham in the first month.

An EMT class will be offered in September. It runs 130 hours and the test day is January 16th.

Fire Coordinator- J. Howe

Academy graduation dates were discussed as well as an ICS 300 course which is filled to capacity.

Conference Request – Requesting authorization to attend the annual Arson Seminar, November 6-8 in Montour falls, NY at a total cost of \$200.00 with two employees attending. Motion to approve by W. Hughes Jr. seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – T. Lanphear

Resolution Request – Authorization to fill one (1) budgeted position of Corrections Officer, due to retirement on August 30, 2013, annual salary of \$35,286.00. Motion to approve by W. Hughes, Jr. seconded by M. Murell, motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved, Refer to Finance.

.2 Request – 4 Motorola Mobile radios for the correctional facility at a cost of \$3,381.00. Motion to approve by M. Murell, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

Conference Request – Requesting authorization to attend the Jail Administrators Continued Education Training on 9/30/13 in Saratoga, NY at a total cost of \$935.00 with two employees attending. Motion to approve by M. Murell pending controller approval, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.

Out of County Inmate Report July:

July 2013 - \$110,590.00 vs. July 2012 - \$50,650.00

YTD 2013- \$513,285.00 vs. YTD 2012 – \$268,830.00

Emergency Management –

Resolution Request – Authorization to purchase a vehicle for CCSO to replace a vehicle which will be assigned to CCEMO for use by Director Black. Motion to approve by W. Hughes, Jr. seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

An update was given on the Hazardous Mitigation Planning Grant and upcoming meeting on August 28th.

It was announced that an ICS 300 class will be offered to all the Supervisors. Lt. Lanphear will send out an email with more information.

E-911 - R. Lopez

Information:

Request to apply for Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant with a maximum potential of 6 million dollars with no match. Motion to approve by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

The grant is for:

- 1) The development and coordination of the National interoperability channels.
- 2) Development of interoperable communications infrastructure. 3) Development of governance and SOP's.
- 4) Development of inventory of statewide communications resources.

Agency Data:

Call volume for July was 5,653 calls. Total YTD 2013- 34,820 (Total YTD 2012- 32,895)

1,325 EMS Agencies

358 Fire Agencies

1,338 Police Polls

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

Public Defender – R. Linville

The July 2013 monthly report was distributed. There has been an increase in case load as compared to last July by about 16 percent.

The Big Up Concert in Claverack New York was discussed. R. Linville worked out an agreement with the Town Judges to have a Public Defender available at all arraignments. This worked out very well and as a result no one was in front of a judge without legal representation. He has made similar arrangements with Ghent Judges for the Columbia County Fair.

The lack of a designated holding area for those who have not been arraigned was discussed.

Probation – D. Kibler

Ignition Interlock Device current total cases = 139 (65 Conditional Discharge and 74 Probation cases). This is an increase from last month's figures.

On 07/31/2013 D. Kibler had a meeting with Public Safety Chairman Roy Brown, BOS Deputy Chairman Kevin McDonald, STOP DWI Coordinator Jessica Nabozny and Mary Ann McDonald from STOP DWI concerning the development of a plan of action to address the falling revenues for the STOP DWI Program which have been decreasing since approximately 2009. The Probation Department receives \$35,000 to offset part of the salary of one Probation Officer position which is responsible for the supervision of felony DWI offenders. It was determined that the Stop DWI Program shows \$127,600.00 worth of outstanding fines under VTL 1192. When contacted, the District Attorney's support was immediate and decisive as he identified several measures that should resolve the issue of decreased STOP DWI revenues including developing plans to collect outstanding monies owed, ensuring future fine collection by mandating that the fine is to be paid at the time of plea, considering the recommendation to the court of the maximum fine for "borderline" cases, setting a deadline for fine payment (i.e. paid in full in the first six months) as a condition of a Conditional Discharge sentence. In an effort to support the District Attorney, Probation will assist in the tracking and collection of DWI fines which is a function that they currently perform for DWI convictions occurring in Columbia County Court. He added that Probation is more accessible than many town courts due to their greater hours of operation and full time staffing.

A Resolution Request to adopt the updated and revised Peace Officer Policy and Procedures for the Probation Department was submitted for review.

Request to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:48PM by J. Braley, seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

REASON: Officer Safety

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 6:58PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.

It was decided that the request would be reviewed at this time and discussed at the next Public Safety meeting.

District Attorney – D. Costanzo

Request to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:59PM by J. Braley, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

REASON: Personnel

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 7:07PM by J. Braley, seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by M. Murell, motion carried.

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