

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**November 26, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Roy Brown, Chairman  
Kevin McDonald  
Matt Murell  
Jeffrey Nayer  
Jesse DeGroot, ad hoc member

**ABSENT:**

William Hughes, Jr. , notified  
Edward Cross , notified  
Jeffrey Braley, notified  
John Porreca, Sr., notified

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Barbara Fischer Asst. Dpty. Clerk  
John Howe  
Thomas Lanphear  
Robert Lopez  
PJ Keeler  
Robert Linville

**PRESS: 1**

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

**FIRE COORDINATOR: J. Howe**

**Updates for November**

The fire coordinators office has attended 19 mtgs. and provided assistance for 8 incidents in the last month. There was a Battalion 5 response for a large brush fire in Canaan. There were also 2 requests for technical assistance from the Haz-Mat team, one to the New York State Police and one to the Hudson Police Department. Assistance was also given by the C & O team to New York State Fire investigators at the recent Love Apple Farm fire.

Battalion meetings were conducted at the Chatham and Germantown stations with 87 Officers attending. Presentations were made by New York State Fire, Columbia County Emergency Management and the New York State Police. Representatives to the Columbia County Fire Advisory Board were chosen, Gary Mazzacano representing Battalions 2 & 3 and Paul Pratt representing Battalions 4 & 5.

To date 26 schools have been completed with 445 students graduating representing 11,891 student hours.

**Resolution Request-** Appointment of Gary Mazzacano and Paul Pratt to represent the Fire Chiefs on the Fire Advisory Board. Motion to approve by M. Murell, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

Request for permission for Peter Harvey and Coordinator John Howe to attend the Regional Fire Administrators Conference in Montour Falls on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

Motion in support of John Howe to remain as Columbia County Fire Coordinator for another 2 year term was made by J. DeGroot, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

**911-R. Lopez**

**Resolution Request-:**

Requesting authorization for the Director of 911 to enter into an agreement with Motorola C?O Pittsfield Communications to purchase the low band Fire radio equipment for the Copake Tower site. Total amount not to exceed is \$17,600.00. This part of the Radio project addressing an immediate need in the South East part of the County for Fire Service. Motion to approve by M. Murell, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:**

Requesting authorization to renew a lease agreement for the .11 acres of land which houses the New Lebanon Communications Tower for a price not to exceed \$600.00 per month. This lease is with the Black family nominee trust previous resolutions 351-2010, and 395-2010. The current lease expires at the end of the year. Motion to approve by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:**

Requesting authorization for the Director of 911 to enter into an agreement with the Hudson Valley Interoperable Communications Consortium following approval of the agreement by the County Attorney. Motion to approve by J. Nayer, seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

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

A full external audit of the Sheriff's Department was completed by Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci. No issues or concerns were found.

**Resolution Request:**

Authorization to accept the Child Passenger Safety Program Grant of \$6,000.00 for the period 10/1/2013-9/30/2014. Motion to accept by K. McDonald, seconded by J. DeGroot, motion carried.

**Jail Out of County Inmate Report:** October 2013 \$85,305.00, a \$40,330.00 increase over October 2012; YTD \$753,630.00 almost \$341,900.00 ahead of 2012 earning's.

**PROBATION:** D. Kibler

On 10/31/2013 Probation Officers went door to door seeing Sex Offenders currently serving a probation sentence in Columbia County. Fourteen homes of Sex Offenders were visited on Halloween night to ensure that each of the offenders were complying with both the terms of their probation and special restrictions imposed relative to that holiday.

**S.T.O.P. DWI-** R. Crowley

Submitted a year to date budget report.

**Public Defender:** R. Linville

An October 2013 monthly report was submitted.

**Revised Resolution Request-**Request to transfer \$2500.00 from AO-1E-1170-1000-E1000 (Personnel) into AO-1E-1170-4283-E4000(Mileage). Motion to approve by M. Murell, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

**Conference Objective Form for November 1, 2013:** Form amended only to show that one other attorney attended with prior consent given by the Controller.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM by K. McDonald, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.