

**PUBLIC SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE**  
**January 25, 2010**

**PRESENT:**

Valerie Bertram, Chairwoman  
Robin Andrews  
Raymond Staats  
Reginald Crowley  
Lynda Scheer  
William Hallenbeck, Jr.  
Kevin McDonald

**ABSENT:**

Bart Delaney, Jr., notified  
Lawrence Andrews

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Courtney Radley, Asst. Deputy Clerk  
Robert Fitzsimmons, County Attorney  
Leo Pulcher  
Lt. Thomas Lanphear  
William Black  
Robert Lopez  
Henry Swartz

Chairwoman Bertram called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM.

**Emergency Management: W. Black**

W. Black gave an update on the flood damage and FEMA aid.

**Resolution Request: Re-appointment of William Stelling, Paul D'Onofrio, Gary Tuthill, and Robert Lopez as Deputies for Emergency Management at their current rate of pay. Motion to approve by R. Crowley, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.**

**Whittier Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Facility: Meeting is set up with West Ghent Fire Department for Wednesday, January 27, 2010 to discuss doing an evacuation drill at Whittier. All County Emergency Agencies will participate in this drill.**

**Darrow School: R. Fitzsimmons read a letter to the committee, addressed to Darrow School, stating that the Darrow School can participate in the County Mitigation Plan but at their own expense.**

Motion to approve and send letter made by R. Staats, seconded by W. Hallenbeck, Jr, motion carried.

**Comprehensive Plan: Discussion ensued regarding redoing the County's Emergency Plan. Chairman Brown will be sending a letter to Department Heads in efforts to create a planning committee. Much time and effort will be needed to redo the plan and most likely only one part will be completed this year.**

**Safe Schools Committee: Authorization to purchase a Minitor at the cost of \$500.00. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by L. Scheer, motion carried.**

**Sherriff's Office: Lt. T. Lanphear**

Lt. T. Lanphear asked if he still had authorization to use the Sherriff's Wal-Mart credit card. Overall consensus of the committee was to approve his use of the card up to the amount of \$500.00 for emergency purchases only. Any other purchases need to go through D. Ames in central printing, with a Purchase Order. A resolution to be presented at next month's meeting.

**Fire Coordinator: J. Van Deusen**

J. Van Deusen submitted an agenda to Chairwoman Bertram.

**Conference Request: For 12 members of the Hazmat Team to attend the Hazmat Conference. Members attending will use a pool car and personal vehicle for transportation. Conference will be free of charge for winning the 2009 challenge. Motion to approve by R. Crowley, seconded by K. McDonald, motion carried.**

**Resolution Request: Appointing Craig Haigh to the Columbia County Cause and Origin Team. Motion to approve by L. Scheer, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.**

**911: R. Lopez**

**Radio Project Update: Customer witness testing will occur on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 and if necessary on Thursday, January 28, 2010, if all goes well the system will be disassembled and shipped**

to the warehouse. Installation will begin towards the end of February with a completion of the installation for the microwaves to be done by April depending on weather.

**Concrete Communications Shelter for the Public Safety Building Update:** A bid has been awarded and drawings have been finalized. Delivery is expected to be in about 4 to 8 weeks. If delayed, installation, by Alcatel, at the Public Safety site will be last. Bidding for the site prep work will take place as well.

**Resolution Request:** For the Director of 911 to enter into an agreement with Positron for Primary PSAP Maintenance Support Services for 3 years of support that will be paid yearly. Motion to approve by R. Crowley, seconded by R. Andrews, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request:** To hire two Part-time Emergency Dispatchers at a rate of \$12.98 per hour to replace the two who recently resigned. Motion to approve by W. Hallenbeck, seconded by L. Scheer, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

**Agency Data:** In the month of November, Columbia 911 dispatched: 9484 EMS Agencies, 3389 Fire Agencies, 11,909 Police Polls, and 6804 Public Service Calls. Call volume for the month of December was 4417. Total call volume for 2009 was 56,262.

**Emergency Medical:** P.J. Keeler

P.J. Keeler submitted a resolution request to Chairwoman Bertram.

**Resolution Request:** Appointment of Jon Horowitz to the position of Deputy EMS Coordinator in charge of Education and Training. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

**Other Discussion:**

H. Swartz, Chairman of the Columbia County Fire Advisory Board, spoke to the committee on behalf of the Red Rock Fire Department. Discussion ensued regarding the change in EMS Response Dispatch protocol. Overall consensus of the committee was to move forward on the situation with Red Rock when the County Attorney's office receives a formal letter.

Discussion regarding next month's meeting being moved to Thursday, February 18, 2010 and holding it at the EOC building. However due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010 in the Chambers.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn at 6:39 PM by R. Staats, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.