

PUBLIC SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2009

PRESENT:

**Valerie Bertram. Chairwoman
Bart Delaney, Jr.
Reginald Crowley
Roy Brown
Raymond Staats**

ABSENT:

**Joseph Finn-notified
Douglas McGivney- notified
Margaret Robertson- notified
John Rutkey- notified**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Jacquelyn Lydon, Asst. Deputy Clerk
James VanDeusen
PJ Keeler
Robert Lopez
William Black
Thomas Lanphear**

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Chairwoman Bertram called the meeting to order at 6:43 P.M.

EMS: P. Keeler

P. Keeler stated there is currently an EMT class in which 13 new students are attending and 15 students which are taking the class as a refresher. There will be a first responder class at the TriVillage Fire Department from October through December.

P. Keeler shared an update on the County EMS Plan. He stated all plans have been sent out with Valatie, Greenport, NDP, and New Lebanon returning their plans. P. Keeler is awaiting an addendum to be accepted by the squad's and then the plan will be sent to the State.

P. Keeler stated himself, the Health Department, Dr. Chapin, and EMS Personnel have been working together to come up with a plan to deal with the adverse effects of the Swine Flu. He stated there is going to be a dispatch protocol to deal with the "worst case scenario of absenteeism". This protocol will have the 911 dispatchers possibly triaging patients as they call. This will only go into effect with an increase in call volume, hospital absenteeism, hospital bed saturation, and if a pandemic has been declared.

P. Keeler stated EMS personnel has been targeted for the first phase of the H1N1 vaccine. He stated he would like to implement a plan to offer all EMS personnel free vaccines at the Coordinator's Office. He stated there is money in his budget to fund this initiative. Motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried.

P. Keeler advised the committee of a Respiratory Protection Workshop that he is requesting to send 2 Deputy Coordinators to in Syracuse, when they return they will be training all other EMS personnel. He will bring more information and a conference objective form to October's Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Fire Coordinator: J. VanDeusen

.2 Request: Requesting authorization to purchase 4500 KW generator to replace used broken one for Cause & Origin #16 Vehicle. Not to exceed \$1,200.00. Motion by R. Brown, seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried.

.2 Request: Requesting authorization to purchase Smoke Machine to replace old non-fixable machine. Not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Staats. Motion carried.

.2 Request: Requesting authorization to purchase a High Band Radio for the Fire Coordinator's new vehicle. Not to exceed \$700.00. Motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried.

J. VanDeusen stated at the Full Battalion Meeting held on September 10th the Fire Chiefs nominated two Chiefs as members of the Fire Advisory Board for 2010.

Resolution Request: Reappointing Gary Mazzacano and Steve Montie as members of the Fire Advisory Board for a term of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010. Motion by, R. Crowley, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr. Motion carried.

J. VanDeusen stated the 27 foot Hazmat Trailer is currently being stored outside and needs to be housed in a heated building and maintained for the winter months. He stated he needs to rent or find a building to store this trailer in (ex, Stan Martin Ford, Washington Hose). The committee also suggested if storage is going to be found there should be room for the MCI truck and the Cause and Origin Vehicle. J. Van Deusen to report back to October Public Safety Committee with price quotes of rental options. J. VanDeusen asked if any Supervisor has suggestions to please contact him.

E-911: R. Lopez

Resolution Request: Requesting authorization to fill the position of PT Emergency Dispatcher (temp relief) at a salary of \$12.98 per hour. Motion by R. Crowley, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr.. Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Requesting authorization to continue the proposed recommendations for the upgrade of the wireless communication system proposed by CSA Solutions and Dan Daily who performed the path survey (previous resolution 198-2008 & 57-2009) Recommended point to point connectivity between Austerlitz and Lebanon Tower to be handled by a T-1 line. Requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Fair Point Communications to order a T-1 line installation cost is \$1280.00 and the monthly cost is not to exceed \$485.87 per month. Motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Requesting authorization to continue with the proposed recommendations for the upgrade of the wireless communication system proposed by CSA Solutions (previous resolution 198-2008, & 57-2009). Recommended point to point connectivity between Public Safety Building and 610 State St (911 Back-up to be handled by a T-1 line until the 911 back up move is completed. Requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Verizon or Mid Hudson Cable for a T-1 line cost is \$356.52 per month. Motion by R. Crowley, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr. Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

R. Lopez reported the call volume for the month of August 2009 was 4600 calls. In the month of August Columbia County 911 dispatched: 1005 EMS Agencies, 465 Fire Agencies, 1217 Police Polls, and 533 Public Service Calls which includes (Controlled burns, Highway Dept calls, Power Company, Phone Company, Cable Company etc.)

Sheriff: T. Lanphear

.2 Request: Requesting authorization to purchase spare parts (scanner, keyboard, and printer) from Data 911 for MDT's to be used in the event of a broken part until replacement can be received under warranty. Also an additional 10 USB Hubs for the patrol vehicles due to an insufficient number of USB slots. Total cost is \$2674.40. Motion carried on September 16th Computer Committee Contingent to Public Safety Committee. Motion by R. Staats, seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried.

.2 Request: Requesting authorization to purchase one Lenovo Lap Top Computer for Communication's Sgt for programming radios. Total cost of \$1,098.99. Motion carried on September 16th Computer Committee Contingent to Public Safety Committee. Motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried.

.2 Request: Requesting authorization to purchase one desktop computer with monitor to be used by the Investigators for processing digital recordings, digital video surveillance, and other multimedia applications. This will replace an approximately 5 year old system that was purchased by the drug unit.

The total of \$2,232.25. Motion carried on September 16th Computer Committee Contingent to Public Safety Committee. Motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried.

T. Lanphear advised the committee the Sheriff transferred budget money to the cell phone account in Emergency Management to purchase 17 wireless data cards for the remaining vehicles that do not have them. This will allow Deputies to work right from their patrol vehicle including processing reports, NYSPIN and Ejustice entries, accident reports, etc.

Discussion of AVL being in the patrol vehicles so 911 can detect where all cars are instead of polling the vehicles.

Emergency Management: W. Black

W. Black reported on Tuesday he was notified FEMA had denied aid to Columbia County for the July 2009 storm/floods. He has sent notice out to A. Baer and all Supervisors. He stated A. Baer asked W. Black to an appeal to the State. W. Black stated NYS is appealing on behalf of Columbia County and has recommended each Supervisor contact their Federal Representative for support. He stated he believes Columbia County has a very good chance of appeal but feels they need to be persistent.

W. Black stated there was a LEPC meeting on September 10, 2009 in which the Hazardous Material Team had a brief presentation by the Health Department in regards to the H1N1 guidance of the Center for Disease Control.

W. Black informed the committee of the Motorola Contract for 2010 bids due November 2009. He recommended the County stay with a 2 year contract.

Resolution Request: Requesting authorization to appoint the Deputy of the Emergency Management Office to be the grant administrator for the 2009 SHSP, SLETPP for the SLHD at no increase in compensation. Motion by R. Crowley, seconded by R. Staats. Motion carried.

Resolution Request: Requesting authorization to accept the 2009 SHSP for \$114,722.00, 2009 SLETPP for \$47,500.00 and SLHD for \$27,788.00. Motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Crowley. Motion carried. Refer to Finance.

W. Black informed the Committee of the Darrow School in New Lebanon who applied for a drainage improvement project through a hazardous mitigation grant. The State is asking Columbia County for a recommendation and letter of support for this project stating there are no issues arising, W. Black stated he has no knowledge of the project and believes the School needs to contact the town. The committee stated before they can make a recommendation or letter of support they would like to hear from M. Robertson and see the actual plan that was submitted.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM by R. Staats, seconded by R. Brown. Motion carried.