

**PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW TEAM MEETING
MINUTES
September 15, 2020
Cumberland County Department of Public Safety
ZOOM**

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners held a Public Safety Review Team Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Present: Commissioners Gary Eichelberger, Jean Foschi, and Vincent T. DiFilippo; Stacy M. Snyder, Acting Chief Clerk; Bob Shively, Claudia Garner, John Quirk, Mike Snyder, Public Safety; Chief Bob Kauffman, Taylor Griffiths, Mike Taylor, Assistant Chief's, and Steve Spangler, from LEPC; Dana Best, Ron Snow, Finance; Holly Sherman, Human Resources; Ron Anderson, Sheriff; Samantha Krepps, Communications.

Bob Shively welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Approval of Review Team Meeting Minutes: Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and the motion carried.

911 Operational Updates – John Quirk

Staffing and Personnel Updates:

John Quirk provided an update on the four full-time dispatchers who are going through training. One has completed training and the other three are in training this week.

Technical Systems Updates – Bob Shively

P25 Radio Project:

Bob Shively reported that although the environmental studies were put on hold due to COVID-19, discussions have been taking place with the Solicitor and Finance Department regarding purchasing towers through co-stars and other components of the project.

Hexagon CAD Project Update: Bob Shively

Bob Shively stated the CAD mobile responder training is this week and is designed for tablet and laptop roll out for Fire and EMS.

Emergency Management Updates – Bob Shively

EMA Activity:

Bob Shively reported they continue to coordinate responses to COVID-19 related issues with virtual Monday briefs with staff. He reported hospital numbers have been stable. Bob explained vaccination clinics are in the planning phase with the Department of Health so they are ready to open when a vaccine is available. He also announced the Department of Health has hired a Contact Tracing Regional Manager.

Bob announced the SARA Summit has been moved to 2021. A Hazmat exercise will be held on October 12, 2020 with PEMA. Staff is ready to assist with Election Day.

National Honor Guard Academy: Claudia Garner

Claudia reported there are 31 students total with 20 students from Cumberland County. Graduation will be held on Friday, September 18th.

CISM Team updates – Mike Snyder

There will be suicide training for law enforcement on November 17th and November 19th. October 16th through 18th there is a 27 hour introductory CISM course. There have been approximately 32 suicide instances this year.

Mariner Emergency Responder Outreach Course recap:

There was an Emergency Class held last evening regarding Pipeline Safety; the class was well attended.

Hazardous Material Team Presentation – Bob Shively

Hazmat 201 Replacement Discussion/Options

Chief Bob Kauffman provided historical information about the Hazmat Team. The historical overview was followed by an overview of the current fleet of four emergency vehicles. The group provided a summary of the Hazmat 201, a 1990 Ford purchased used, including the replacement options:

1. Refurbish the 1990 Ford at a cost of \$200,000;
2. Buy a used vehicle for roughly \$309,000;
3. Buy a new vehicle for approximately \$420,000.

The four companies who responded are co-stars. The lowest bid of \$407,760 is also a local company, SWAB, from Elizabethville, PA. Discussion ensued regarding all options including discussion of funding options to include application of the Hazmat grant and the Annual Response funds which would comprise approximately one quarter of the cost. Staff pointed out they would also solicit partners and civic organizations to help fund the vehicle. Questions were asked regarding the timing of delivery of the vehicle with relation to the next inspection of the current vehicle. Staff explained although it will take roughly nine months for deliver and the inspection is due in March of 2021, they will be able to serve the county by utilizing other vehicles and trailers until the new vehicle is delivered.

A general discussion about additional funding options and funding eligibility ensued as the Cumberland County Hazmat team doesn't qualify for grant funding due to organization structure under the county as opposed to being a separate 501(c)(3).

Questions/Good of the order

None

Respectfully submitted,

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