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Cumberland County Public Safety Review Team Meeting

December 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Public Safety Building
Carlisle, PA

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Vincent T. DiFilippo.

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Commissioner Gary Eichelberger and Commissioner Jean Foschi.

Staff Present: Stacy M. Snyder, Acting Chief Clerk; Jennifer Crum, Administrative Specialist.

Staff Present via Zoom: Bob Shively, Claudia Garner, John Quirk, Mike Snyder, Molly Baker, Michele Parsons, Public Safety; Dana Best, Finance; 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 Eichelberger made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2020. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and the motion carried.

911 Operational Updates – John Quirk

Staffing and Personnel Updates:

There was one full-time resignation. One new hire is completing Emergency Telecommunicator in-house training. With the pending Staff is working on testing and interviews to increase the hiring eligibility list. There are stakeholder kick-off meetings scheduled for the Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) and Emergency Police Dispatch (EPD) protocol projects, and EFD certification classes are scheduled for January and February of 2021.

Technical Systems Updates – Bob Shively

P25 Radio Project:

Bob reported that TriLeaf is now conducting the tower environmental studies. He explained that on December 7th they completed site surveys at both Three Square Hollow and Lambs Gap. They will provide reports to the state and federal agencies and file with the SSC radio consultant. Bob announced project completion is scheduled for Spring 2023. A question was posed regarding the bond issuance schedule and bond(s) amount. Discussion ensued.

Hexagon CAD Project Update: – Molly Baker

Molly reported on-call analytics training took place in November. She explained they are completing ASAP and PSAP testing for alarm companies that transmit emergencies to 911 through CAD. CAD configuration is ongoing with Dauphin County to determine how their units assist with mutual aid. In January there will be XALT developer training from Hexagon for custom programming.

Bob Shively highlighted the on-call analytics training and thanked staff. He also noted the tech team is working on additional operational options to move work stations in the event they would need to relocate to clean the area.

Emergency Management Updates – Michele Parsons (see attached report)

EMA / COVID-19 Updates: Michele Parsons reported they continue to coordinate weekly briefings with staff. She also provided an update on available hospital bed capacity and COVID vaccinations.

Weather Update: Michele reported the National Weather Service is predicting 3 inches of snow fall per hour, with up to 18 inches of total accumulation. She announced there may be travel restrictions on the main highways and possible power outages due to the heavy snow.

Hazardous Materials Team Recertification: She announced the Hazmat Team received their recertification and is awaiting formal documentation. Michele also announced the Animal Response Team has a new chief. She indicated the former chief will continue to be involved with the team.

CISM Team updates – Mike Snyder

Mike announced 18 fire services staff are participating in the ongoing QPR Suicide Prevention courses. He indicated training will continue into January and that they are targeting EMS workers.

Fiscal Items – Claudia Garner

Claudia explained a forthcoming donation has been announced from Exelon. She indicated research is ongoing to determine what programs the funding could be used for and, once determined, the donation will be presented at a future workshop meeting.

Bob Shively thanked staff for their work with the CARES Act funding and reviewed the status of the projects.

Questions/Good of the order

Bob Shively reported there was a 911 Advisory Board meeting during which the power point presentation highlighted the 2021 funding formula will stay the same. The Statewide NG911 project was awarded to Comtech and they are in coordination with PEMA 911 Bureau to start the statewide call handling. A letter of authorization will need to be signed by the Board of Commissioners to request that phone companies work with PEMA.

Claudia mentioned that if anyone knows of a public safety officer or first responder who should be recognized for their actions during the pandemic, the Bureau of Justice has a public safety officer medal of valor. Information regarding the nomination process is available on their website.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Crum
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