



# MINUTES

## Cumberland County Public Safety Review Team Meeting

July 20, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.  
Public Safety Building, Carlisle, PA

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**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Gary Eichelberger, Commissioner Jean Foschi, and Commissioner Vincent T. DiFilippo.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Garner, John Quirk, Molly Baker, Mike Snyder, Michele Parsons, Public Safety; Ron Anderson, Sheriff; Ron Snow, Finance; Stacy M. Snyder, Chief Clerk; Tamie Hershey, Deputy Chief Clerk; Theresa Kissinger, Commissioners' Office.

**Staff Present via Zoom:** Mark Adams, IMTO; Samantha Krepps, Communications; Holly Sherman, Human Resources.

Claudia Garner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Review Team Meeting Minutes:** Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

### **911 Operational Updates – John Quirk**

#### Staffing and Personnel Updates:

John reported four full time and one part-time dispatchers were hired., They attended orientation, took a tour of the facility, and received introductions. They begin dispatch training this week and will attend protocol training in August. John indicated that when the new hires are close to finishing their call-taker and police dispatch training, he will begin hiring another round of additional staff for open positions.

#### Protocol Updates:

John reported the police protocols were finished and went live June 1<sup>st</sup>. Meetings are scheduled with priority dispatch to ensure compliant use.

### **Technical Systems Updates:**

#### P25 Radio Project:

Molly reported Public Safety is working with a surveyor to mark the property lines at the Three-Square Hollow tower site to ensure it is not on private property and define the municipality where it is located as this could change where the permit is obtained. Lambs Gap is moving forward, and the permit fee was waived from Hampden Township.

Molly reported the first radio exhibit was held last Wednesday, the agencies came on site to show the latest models and features from Motorola and Harris. This was well received and attended, and they will do more radio exhibits.

#### Hexagon CAD Project Update:

Molly reported everything is going well, still working on the CAD to CAD connection with Dauphin County with intention to go live with Perry County next.

## **Emergency Management Updates:**

### **EMA Updates:**

COVID – Michele reported the county is up to 2.5 positivity rate. An uptick is likely in the next wave coming.

- According to the Department of Health website we have 46.7 % of the population fully vaccinated 53.3% that has had at least one dose. Department of Health is calling a pandemic for non-vaccinated people.
- Schools are in conflict; CDC guidance does not match with that of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- If another wave should hit, we are prepared to reinstate a location if not the same one. We have received outreach from people who are willing to help, and there is currently no shortage of the vaccine. CDC has not approved the booster and indicate it is too soon for that to start. The CVC has been demobilized along with the phone banks. The total vaccinations provided at the Cumberland County Community Vaccination Clinic were 57,874 doses.

EMA Activities – It is that time of year for severe weather. There have been some trees and lines down due to the wind, and some pending issues.

- We completed the MERO (Mariner Emergency Responder Outreach) training as requested by one of our municipalities along with another meeting, which Commissioner Foschi attended.
- Public Safety conducted a cyber virtual tabletop exercise. IMTO participated with some of our staff.
- Department of Human Services is holding an annual conference and has invited Public Safety as a panelist. This meeting is focused on people with functional access needs.
- Silver Spring Township, manager has resigned and Police Chief, Chris Raubenstine, is currently the interim Emergency Management Coordinator.
- PEMA has composed a list of all their instructors and courses required to receive certificates. PEMA has asked us to host a course in October. They have approved Bob Shively and me (Michelle Parsons) to be eligible to instruct additional courses on their behalf.
- National Weather Service is performing their National EAS test on August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Safety is registered for the Northeast Great Shake Out for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **CISM Team Updates:**

Mike Snyder reported the team met in person for the first time in quite awhile last week. The team elected a new leadership team consisting of Helen Grundon from Lower Allen, Kim Lee Kenawell from Hampden Township, and Lori Gallagher from West Pennsboro Township. It has been three years since the team has been formed and the leadership team is going over the bylaws. The team is providing services for the Shippensburg University in their time of need.

### **Fiscal Items: Claudia Garner**

#### **Capital Request – CAD PC's**

Requesting to replace 15 PCs for the 9-1-1 center dispatch positions that run the CAD software, as the current monitors are experiencing flash problems. The total is \$41,500. The old PC's will get repurposed back through the Public Safety building.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the capital request set forth in the meeting today by Claudia Garner for the purchase of 15 pcs for the workstations in the 9-1-1- center. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

SARA Summit Sponsorships – Claudia explained the SARA Summit committee reaches out to local businesses and partners to seek donations for the annual Summit. There will be two donations on the next workshop, Classic Dry Cleaners for \$250.00 and Service 1<sup>st</sup> for \$1,000.00.

Destination Carlisle Support our Smalls Fund

Claudia explained the organization collects donations from individuals and other organizations, and then purchases gift cards from local businesses to donate to the first responder communities. The organization would like to give \$10 each to members of the Public Safety staff.

Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve Destination Carlisle Support our Smalls appreciation gift certificates for Public Safety staff as presented today. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

**Questions/Good of the order:**

Someone asked if Public Safety was still doing the Wills for Hero's. John Quirk said with COVID last year they did not have the Wills for Hero's, he needs to check with the Dickinson College for their support as well.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Kissinger  
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