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Cumberland County Public Safety Review Team Meeting

August 17, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
Public Safety Building, Carlisle, PA

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

Staff Present: Stacy Snyder, Tamie Hershey, Theresa Kissinger, Commissioners Office; Bob Shively, John Quirk, Michael Snyder, Molly Baker, Brian Hamilton, Claudia Garner, Public Safety; Samantha Krepps, Communications.

Staff Present via Zoom: Michele Parsons, Public Safety; Holly Sherman, Human Resources; Mark Adams, IMTO; Dana Best, Stephanie Philipps, Finance.

Bob Shively 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 July 20, 2021. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

911 Operational Updates:

Staffing and Personnel Updates:

John reported the four full time and one part-time dispatchers that have been recently hired completed ETC and EMD training. They will be moving on to EFD Fire protocols and EPD Police protocols. Next week the new hires will start in the classroom scenarios and go to the Com Center to do dispatch calls. EFD and EPD post go live meetings are scheduled, the first is to be onsite with a priority dispatch contractor. Bob reported Public Safety is doing a full campaign for hiring and staffing. Communications is putting a short video together with the theme “Answer the Call”. There is an Open House scheduled and Human Resources is helping with recruiting and retention.

Protocol Updates: Nothing

Technical Systems Updates:

P25 Radio Project:

Brian reported the Radio Advisory Board continues to meet on a regular basis. They are working with a spread sheet that scores the two vendors and the sharing options. They will be sending a poll to all Fire, EMS, Police, and anyone else to see if they plan to replace radios or keep the same. There was a property survey done at the Three-Square Hollow site to identify the County’s property lines, and DCNR lines, to be certain the tower is on DCNR property. They broke ground on July 22nd at the Lams Gap site.

9-1-1 VESTA Phone Regional Plan:

Brian reported the current Vesta phones are at their life expectancy.

Hexagon CAD Project Update:

Molly reported they are still working on the connections with Dauphin County and the workstations have arrived at IMTO.

Emergency Management Updates:

EMA Updates:

- COVID – Michele Parson reported the county is up to a 5.1% positivity rate, with the Delta variant anticipated to increase over the next week. There is increased hospitalization in pediatric patients. A booster vaccination is recommended for people who have compromising immune systems. The Medicine Shoppe continues to reach out to the homebound populations providing vaccination shots. The skilled nursing facilities are required to have 80% of staff vaccinated by October 1, 2021. If expectation is not met, appropriate regulatory action will be taken. Department of Health is no longer providing access to any patients with COVID. School districts are mixed in their plans for mitigation measures, receiving pressure from parents. The Safe Schools are setting up a meeting with the schools to discuss the guidance regulations.
- Tropical Storm Fred is expected to go till Thursday with heavy rainfall and potential flash flooding possibly 2-3 inches total.
- The I-83 Bridge workshop anticipates tolling to begin in 2023, the new bridge will be built beside the current bridge along with changing some access ramps.
- The new hazmat unit is expected to be delivered in mid-September and in service by mid-October. A goal is to have it on display during the LEPC Summit.
- All local municipal offices are open to the public and have updated their mitigation measures.

CISM Team Updates:

Mike Snyder reported that it has been a difficult month for the team, with a traumatic death of two children on the interstate, fatal house fire in Mechanicsburg, and dealing with the police officer who took his own life.

Fiscal Items: Claudia Garner reported she is working on the budget.

Questions/Good of the order:

Claudia gave an update on the Honor Guard and asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in speaking at the ceremony on opening, Representative Delozier is scheduled to speak. Claudia said the Honor Guard graduation will be held Friday 17th at the courtroom at the old courthouse.

Claudia informed everyone about the live streaming of the funeral for the fallen fire officer.

Commissioner DiFilippo wondered if anyone knows if there are any cable barriers in the median where the accident happened.

Bob Shively reported the Cumberland County High School is starting their own police department. More discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Kissinger, Administrative Technician