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Cumberland County Public Safety Review Team Meeting

December 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Public Safety Building, Carlisle, PA

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

Commissioners Present via Zoom: Commissioner Gary Eichelberger.

Staff Present: Tamie Hershey, Angela Smyser, Commissioners Office; Bob Shively, Mike Taylor, Mike Snyder, John Quirk, Claudia Garner, Molly Baker, Nate Beckenbaugh, Brian Hamilton, Public Safety.

Staff Present via Zoom: Ron Snow, Dana Best, Finance; Michele Parsons, Public Safety; Stacy Snyder, Commissioners Office; Holly Sherman, Human Resources.

Call to Order: 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 October 19, 2021. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

911 Operational Updates:

Staffing and Personnel Updates:

John Quirk reported that the 4 new full-time employees and 1 part-time hire are progressing through their training.

Protocol Updates: John Quirk reported they have reached the end of formal post go-live protocol meetings for Emergency Police Dispatch and Emergency Fire Dispatch.

Technical Systems Updates:

9-1-1 VESTA Phone Regional Plan:

Brian Hamilton reported that Solicitor Brenneman is reviewing the proposed plan.

Hexagon CAD Project Update:

Brian Hamilton explained the CAD to CAD connection with Dauphin County is the final part of the project and they hope to complete the project in early 2022.

PEMA NG911 update:

Brian Hamilton reported that the two issues discovered in the GAP analysis have been corrected. He explained they are currently waiting on the final approval from PEMA.

Brian Hamilton introduced Nate Beckenbaugh, a new member of the Technical Systems Team.

Emergency Management Updates:

EMA Updates:

Michele Parsons reported the Covid-19 case numbers are the highest the County has seen since January and that the Delta Variant is currently the most prominent variant in Cumberland County. She explained that being vaccinated reduces symptom severity. She reported that a prophylaxis injection has been developed for those with weakened immune systems.

Michele Parsons explained that increased Emergency Room wait times are being seen for both walk-ins and EMS patients.

Michele Parsons reported that all committee member appointments have been submitted to and approved by PEMA.

Commissioner Foschi shared that PennDOT is holding a meeting regarding the Market Street Bridge Rehabilitation project and ensured that representatives from the Department of Public Safety will be in attendance.

CISM Team Updates: Mike Snyder expressed thanks to the Board of Commissioners for approving the First Responder Assistance contract and shared that they are already effectively utilizing the services. He explained the 988 Crisis Intervention hotline is mandated to be ready by July of 2022 and shared they have concerns over staffing and using 911 and EMS resources to handle these calls.

Honor Guard Updates: Claudia Garner shared they are waiting for the unit that ours is modeled after to announce their changes prior to implementing changes for the Cumberland County Honor Guard. She explained the service for John Myers took 247 hours of work from 12 people. Commissioner Foschi complimented the work done by the Honor Guard for this service.

Fiscal Items: None.

P25 Radio Project Update: Bob Shively explained that Solicitor Brenneman is reviewing the final project agreement. He explained that a discount is being offered if a set number of user radios is included in the PO. Commissioner Eichelberger questioned how the County will determine which municipalities to assist in purchasing radios and how to assist them in order to maximize utilization of the discount. Discussion ensued.

Other Business: Commissioner Foschi asked that the status of the Fire Fighter Training Facility be shared with all of the municipalities.

Bob Shively reported that the firefighting foam we currently have is no longer allowed to be used and explained they are looking into safe, cost-efficient methods of disposal and options for replacement.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Smyser,
Executive Assistant