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Cumberland County Public Safety Review Team Meeting

January 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Public Safety Building, Carlisle, PA

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

Staff Present: Tamie Hershey, Deputy Chief Clerk; Ron Kerr, Deputy Sheriff; Bob Shively, John Quirk, Brian Hamilton, Claudia Garner, Michael Snyder, Public Safety; Samantha Krepps, Ben Burner, Chris Sechrist, Communications.

Staff Present via Zoom: Holly Sherman, Human Resources; Mark Adams, IMTO; Michele Parsons, Molly Baker, Nate Beckenbaugh, Public Safety; Dana Best, Ron Snow, Finance.

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 December 14, 2021. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

911 Operational Updates:

Staffing and Personnel Updates: John Quirk reported October's new hires are progressing and one of the full-time hires has resigned. January's new hires have completed their Emergency Telecommunicator Course (ETC) and will start their protocol training with completion of the protocol classes the first week of February. Since last meeting we have had one full time retirement, one fulltime resignation. and one part-time retirement.

Alternate EMS Response:

Bob Shively reported hospitals are at full capacity and the Emergency departments have extended wait times. Bob expressed Public Safety has been seeing an influx on EMS calls. Bob explained they are working with the Emergency Health Services Federation and Regional Medical Director Doctor Reihart, from Lancaster, with a proposal that gives Public Safety the authority to adjust our response plan times for non-emergency responses. If ambulances are not available, we have permission to do an alternate dispatch. The feedback has been positive.

Technical Systems Updates:

P25 Radio Project Update: Brian Hamilton reported they are working on all the tower sites with the consultant to see which site will need to be upgraded to accommodate the new system. There was a meeting with our project manager and Motorola to discuss having a formal kick off meeting. Tentatively looking at February 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

Hexagon CAD Project Update: Brian Hamilton explained final pieces of the original project for a CAD to CAD interface between Cumberland County and Dauphin County are being completed. Before the project goes live, a training document will be prepared along with training for all staff. A Memorandum of Understanding between Cumberland County and Dauphin County will need amended, and there will be training for staff.

Solicitor Brenneman reviewed the documents from the call handling equipment shared project. The 9-1-1 phone replacement project we are entering into with Dauphin, Adams and Franklin Counties was reviewed and we sent comments back to committee handling the project. We are waiting for other counties to get the reviews to the committee so we can finalize the documentation and process a regional Request for Proposal (RFP).

Emergency Management Updates:

EMA Updates:

Michele Parsons reported they are continuing to monitor some weather patterns coming through.

The Omicron virus is the dominate variant of concern, just alone in PA the unvaccinated population is 70% new cases, 85% in hospital, and 84% deaths. Michele reported the department of Aging is looking to help seniors and home bound residents get vaccinated or booster shots, as transportation is a big problem. Hospitals are at full capacity and the next 4 weeks are predicted for high caseloads.

Mechanicsburg Borough reached out to Public Safety to request information regarding an increase in pedestrian accidents within the borough, looking for ways to mitigate incident.

A monthly coordinators meeting was held and Samantha Krepps with communications came and provided some crisis communications training.

Silver Spring Township received inquiry from two different residents saying they wanted to set up a tent and do a drive through Covid testing site. The township reached out for guidance, The Department of Health informed the township the residents are not health care providers or associated with any health system and have no PA licenses for lab authorization or meet the federal criteria credential.

CISM Team Updates: Mike Snyder reported there will be a press conference today regarding the First Responders Assistance Program.

Honor Guard Updates: Claudia Garner reported they had 537 hours with the Honor Guard team in 2021, 36 training personnel in the task force region and of those 26 to Cumberland County specifically. Claudia thanked the Commissioners for the acceptance of the donated trailer, after it is picked-up they will start work on the trailer to install cabinets to haul equipment.

Fiscal Items:

PEMA 9-1-1 Interconnectivity Grant NG9-1-1 Phone UPS units:

Claudia Garner reported the 9-1-1 Interconnectivity Grant is for two Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) units. The total amount of the grant is \$5,262.00.

Defense distribution Center – Mutual Aid Agreement:

Claudia Garner explained this is a no cost contract. It is a Memorandum of Understanding with the Defense Distribution Center to allow ELA resources to respond to a hazmat incident. The contract is for a 3-year term.

Kova Audiolog Recorder contract renewal:

Claudia Garner said this contract renewal has no change and is for one year.

Other Business: Bob Shively presented Brian Hamilton his Basic Certification Award from PEMA.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Kissinger,
Executive Assistant