



# MINUTES

## Cumberland County Public Safety Review Team Meeting

February 15, 2022 at 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:** Tamie Hershey, Deputy Chief Clerk; Bob Shively, John Quirk, Claudia Garner, Michael Snyder, Public Safety.

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

**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 January 25, 2022 with the correction as noted. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

### **911 Operational Updates:**

Staffing and Personnel Updates: John Quirk reported the current group of new hires completed the three protocol training classes. One person has started the supervised dispatch training for police dispatch. The other three are completing simulated call taker training in the message center. They are currently testing to create another hiring eligibility list. There are six vacancy's that they are hoping to fill. The goal is to have these positions on board by April 25, 2022.

### **Technical Systems Updates:**

P25 Radio Project Update: Bob reported that Brian and the Motorola team were doing site visits. They were stopping at the tower sites as well as some of the new proposed locations to assess what is available. They are in contact with the Newville Borough manager as Motorola recommended adding a site near the high school and by 233/81. More information to follow soon.

There was an initial presentation last week by Motorola to run through all the radios that will be available for subscriber devices. This was also discussed at the Radio Advisory Board on Friday. They are going to be doing a similar presentation to look at Radios and the various features and options. The next Radio Advisory Board meeting is February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and they anticipate having a final list of prices and model numbers to share in the near future.

Hexagon CAD Project Update: Molly Baker explained the CAD to CAD interface with Dauphin County is still a work in progress. The next project will be with the Perry County connection which will be starting soon. Mobile for Public Safety will be installed this afternoon (Tuesday) at PSP Carlisle. This will be a two-week trial which should result in less phone calls between agencies and ultimately increase efficiency. If the trial goes well, they will then implement a more permanent solution. Cumberland is the first in the state to implement this between county dispatch and PSP. This program will provide real-time exchange of incident information electronically.

### **Emergency Management Updates:**

EMA Updates: Michele Parsons reported that the EOC remains activated virtually. There have been times they had to monitor for severe weather, but luckily nothing too severe. She gave an update on the Pandemic that indicates the Omicron subvariants do not appear to cause additional or severe signs/symptoms. Cases are beginning to decline globally. The vaccine rate continues to be greater than 75 percent effective against severe signs and symptoms for all known variants.

The hospital numbers are declining for COVID but have been increasing for non-COVID related issues. There has been an impact on several therapeutics such as cancer treatment. There are several cancer patients that need to go for radiation or chemotherapy instead of an ultimate option. This is due to products not being available. Once a treatment is started there must be enough product to go through a full trial but lately there hasn't been sufficient product. There are still federal assets for hospital support through March 4, 2022.

Some places are seeing an increase in a new, although not new to us, highly pathogenic Avian influenza. The outbreak appears to be in the eastern countries. PEMA and the State Agricultural department are keeping a watchful eye on it.

### Municipal Updates:

Silver Spring Township has appointed a new director of Public Safety, William Brown. He will oversee EMS fire emergency management over the township.

The MERO training is scheduled for Newville on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The training will be a tabletop discussion.

Elected officials' workshop was held on February 12, 2022 via zoom. There were 14 participants representing 9 municipalities and 1 DPS personnel. Certificates were emailed out and the Cumberland County elected official's guidebook was included.

### Regional Information:

Lancaster county hired a new county Director the previous one retired in December. Mike the Emergency Management Coordinator from York County is also retiring and soon we will hear of his predecessor.

CISM Team Updates: Mike Snyder reported that they were working to meet with surrounding counties. Over the past month they have met with Dauphin, Perry and Franklin. They wanted to provide updates on lessons learned and details of the new First Responder Assistance Program and the services available along with how they can get involved and make these services available in their counties. Unfortunately, we have had to decline people that did not work or live in Cumberland County but did let their home counties know there is a need and requests were occurring. PEMA has approved the use of 911 uniform funding.

### **Fiscal Items:**

Claudia Garner reported she will be presenting the Fiscal year 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant. This is the grant that they receive each year. She will also present the agreement for Kings Gap land use as it is up for renewal, which is no cost, and will expire in 2031. Alexa Smith just finished her internship and did a great job.

**Other Business:** Bob Shively mentioned the AVIVE AED 4 minute city initiative press conference and related filming wrapped up last week.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Executive Assistant