

PUBLIC SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE

January 22, 2009

**PRESENT:**

Valarie Bertram  
Bart Delaney Jr.  
Reginald Crowley  
Roy Brown  
Douglas McGivney  
Raymond Staats  
John Rutkey

**ABSENT:**

Margaret Robertson- notified  
Joseph Finn

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alberta Cox- Acting Deputy Clerk  
William Black-Emergency Management  
Robert Lopez-911  
James Van Deusen-Fire Coordinator  
Thomas Lanphear-Sheriff  
Philip Williams

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Chairperson Bertram called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL: P.J. Keeler

Spoke on the recent EMT Class. 9 out of the 13 tested and he was pleased with the results. New Responder class will be sometime in March.

Resolution request: appointing five Deputy EMS Coordinator positions that were established in the 2009 Budget.

Motion by D. McGivney and seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

County License application got the OK to go.

FIRE COORDINATOR: James Van Deusen

Resolution request: appointing five Deputy Fire Coordinator positions that were established in the 2009 Budget.

Motion by D. McGivney and seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

Resolution request: appointment of Barbara Fischer as Adjunct member of C& O team to serve in the Juvenile Fire Prevention Program. Motion by J. Rutkey seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

Resolution request: Reappointment of 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Coordinator and Deputy Fire Coordinator Instructors for 2009.

Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

Advised the committee that the Columbia County Fire Advisory Board appointed Henry Swartz as Chairman, Ron Rifenburg as vice-Chairman, and Janet Shumsky as Secretary for the year 2009.

Encumber the balance of 2008 Fire Coordinator Budget into the 2009 budget. Motion by B. Delaney Jr. and seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

Informed the committee that he will be out of town January 31 through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill Hunt will be in command.

Conference Objective: For Eleven members of the Hazmat team to attend Hazmat Seminar Feb. 20-22. Six will use a pool car and my car for transportation. Motion to approve by R. Brown and seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.

SHERIFF: T. Lanphear:

.2 Purchase: for a 2 Lenovo Laptop Computers and a HP Office Jet All in One Printer. The items will be used for submission of vouchers and for billing. The cost is: \$2848.14

Both of these items will be paid from .2 Computer Equipment Budget in Emergency Management.

.2 Purchase: for a repair order for the setup of MS SQL for Probation Software. Estimated cost to County \$282.00. Motion to approve by D. McGivney and seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

Spoke about training on the SQL Software and will bring an update to the next meeting.

911 – Robert Lopez

Resolution request: appointing Deputy Emergency Mgmt Director positions that was established in the 2009 budget. Motion by D. McGivney and seconded by R. Brown, motion carried.

Informed the committee on the Preliminary Planning Agreement.

Informed the committee on the hard work and long hours the dispatchers did during the ice storm. Discussion ensued on presenting Certificate to each dispatcher.

Conference Objective : For Steve Meehan to attend the Priority Dispatch & NAED Advanced EMC Certification Course on February 16, 2009 to February 18, 2009. Motion to approve by D. McGivney and seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

Resolution request: Previous resolution 198-2998, which authorizes the implementation of a 3 part proposals for the upgrade of the wireless communication system in Columbia County. This equipment will replace the aged equipment. Request bid to go out to bid for a 5 site digital microwave system which includes and equipment shelter at the Public Safety building and Snydertown site.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – William Black**

**ECO Building update, basically completed and they have a March 1<sup>st</sup> move in date.**

**Updated the committee on the Hazard Mitigation documentation. Resolutions from each Towns, Village and City are required to finalize the plan. Sent out reminders Memo's as many town have not responded.**

**FEMA Declaration on Emergency response & Debris removal was discussed. February is when applications are being reviewed, so Supervisors should remind their Highway Superintendents to have all documentations and pictures ready.**

**Presented info on a new NY-ALERT system that is available at no cost to the County . Asked for a Memo of understanding which would allow B. Black to look at this service at no cost. Motion to approve by R. Brown and seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.**

**B. Black also stated that the Board of Supervisors should do something for the Volunteers who helped during the Ice Storm.**

**With no other business before the committee, motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. made by R. Brown, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.**