

**WAUSHARA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – December 3, 2008**

The Regular Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order on December 3, 2008, at 9:00 A.M., at the Waushara County EMS Office by Committee Chairman Norman Weiss. Members present: Mark Kerschner, Donna Kalata and Norman Weiss.

Also present: Sheriff David Peterson, Lt. Lynn Boening, Tim Rosin, EMS Director, Jeremy Becker, EMS Deputy Director, Chief Deputy Ronald Thurley, Doug Rodencal, and Sheriff's Department Administrative Assistant Darlene Henriksen to take minutes. Administrative Coordinator Deb Behringer arrived at 9:15 AM.

Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the amended agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Donna Kalata to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008, Public Safety Committee meeting.

Public Comments – None

Fire Services Report – Doug Rodencal stated he received a call from the Berlin Fire Chief in reference to an accident at Highways 21/49 on Thanksgiving. The Fire Chief voiced his concern to Doug about the time it took for their department to be dispatched to the accident. Doug stated he did not want their mutual aid agreement with Berlin jeopardized, and felt he should bring the complaint to the Sheriff's attention. Lt. Boening advised she should be called immediately with any concerns pertaining to the dispatch center.

EMS Report – Tim Rosin stated the County auditor had been there, with no issues he was aware of. Community Safety Net, along with EMS, have put together books for personal safety and fire safety that will be given out to all 3rd graders in the County. The new tough books and software have been ordered. The best price was received through Bay Com. No offers have been received on the (2) ambulances they wish to sell. Tim advised the new ambulances received are in service and running well, however, they are larger than the old ones. Issue with housing the units, as well as washing them. Tim did state Sheriff Peterson offered to let them wash the ambulance units at the new jail. Contracts for the Towns of Marquette and Leola have been renewed for 2009.

Old Business – EMS – None

New Business – EMS

A) Discussion/Action – Purchase of Public AED's: Tim stated in the beginning of 2008 EMS purchased 10 AED units, due to the aggressive program they launched. Currently there are 110 AED units in various locations in the County. Tim was requesting to purchase five (5) more units using donated funds. Normally AED units cost \$2,400.00; however, he stated they can purchase them for \$1,100.00 each. Norm Weiss questioned maintenance/upkeep on the units, and Tim advised the batteries are warranted for 5-7 years. Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Donna Kalata to approve the purchase of five (5) AED units at a cost of \$1,100.00 each, using donated funds. Motion carried.

B) Committee did not go into closed session; however, Tim requested to write off three (3) accounts. Patients have passed away, and have no assets. Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the three (3) write offs requested by Tim Rosin. Motion carried.

Coroner's Report – None

Sheriff's Reports

Chief Deputy Thurley and Lt. Boening reported that the tower was up, and hopefully will be functioning by the weekend. Arrangements will be made with the Highway Department for plowing. Lynn stated all funds designated for 2008 were used for the purchase along with some dollars left from 2007. Approximate cost to fence the area is \$9,500.00. It is anticipated to do that in 2009. It was suggested to check with Parks or Highway to see if they have resources/contacts to perhaps get the fencing at a better price.

Sheriff Peterson advised that the CCRT Team has been working with domestic violence victims, and they have expanded their scope to include sexual assaults. A grant has been written to cover the cost of a consultant, and hopefully some donated funds will be raised as well. Currently there is only one (1) SANE nurse in Waushara County and the goal is to get additional nurses trained through CHN. TRIAD held their annual Christmas Party at Heartland House. At the request of Sheriff Peterson, Tom Dahlke and Warden Larry Jenkins spoke with area service clubs to in an effort to keep them informed about county related issues. Is working with Don Buchanan for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive. As of today, nearly \$8,000.00 has been donated. Most of the donated money will stay in Waushara County, with Human Services ensuring the dollars are spent appropriately. Spoke to three (3) classes at Wautoma High School about sexual harassment. The IRS agent responsible for this area made a social visit to the department. She explained some of the services and assistance she would be able to offer. He and Lt. Boening met with neighboring county Sheriffs to share our radio capabilities in an attempt to ensure that we can talk to each other during events.

Jail – The monthly report for the jail was provided: Average daily population in Main Jail: 113.7; average daily population in WRC: 33.5; total billable for November: \$130,348.18 (approx).

Old Business – Sheriff

A) Discussion/Possible Action – Disposal of HazMat Equipment, Truck & Supplies – Sheriff Peterson advised that representatives from the Waupaca Hazmat Team attended a recent Fire Officers Meeting. From the meeting he felt that Waupaca would be interested in having a strike team in the County, however, no one came forward to head the team, nor did anyone indicate interest in being a team member at the meeting. Doug Rodencal indicated a committee has been formed to further discuss the issue. Sheriff Peterson stated that a decision would have to be made soon, as EMS is pushing to get the Pepsi truck out of the garage as they need the space. Sheriff Peterson also indicated that if a first response unit was formed in the County, Waupaca County may reduce the cost of their contract. Lt. Boening also indicated there were grant dollars available for training. No action taken on this, however, it will be on the January agenda for discussion again with hopefully a decision being made. During the discussion, it was asked if the personal protective equipment had been distributed as discussed at the November meeting. Lt. Boening advised she had not done that yet, she has been working on the tower project.

B) Discussion/Possible Action – Resolution for Purchase of Command Trailer – Sheriff Peterson presented a resolution he had drafted for the command trailer, requesting \$46,000.00 from general funds. He was requesting not only the committee's support of this, but also input as far as when to present the resolution to County Board. Committee indicated they were in favor of the purchase, however, during discussion did not feel it was appropriate to bring it to County Board for action in January 2009. Sheriff Peterson stated that if approved he did not want to be switching the unit over during tornado season. Deb Behringer questioned where it would be stored. She was advised it would be stored in the EMS garage, as both the Pepsi truck and command bus would be gone. Lt. Boening advised she has looked into grants, none being available at present, however, she indicated she would continue to explore various grant options. Motion was made and seconded to bring the resolution along with any additional information to the March 2009 Public Safety Meeting for further discussion. Motion carried.

New Business – Sheriff

A) Discussion/Possible Action – End of Year Purchases - Sheriff Peterson requested that if any dollars were left in the 2008 budget, he would like to purchase new tasers for the department, approximate cost \$15,000 to \$17,000. The original tasers purchased in 2003 would be replaced, along with the purchase of two (2) additional tasers. Sheriff Peterson indicated that the jail will be short on revenue; however, he was looking at both the sheriff and jail budgets. If dollars are not available, tasers will be purchased using 2009 equipment dollars. Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve purchase of new taser units if funds are available in the 2008 sheriff/jail budgets. Motion carried.

B) Discussion/Possible Action – MOU – Temporary Housing for Extended Supervision Offenders for 2009: Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the MOU with the State for housing extended supervision offenders for 2009. Motion carried.

C) Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to adjourn to executive session under provision 19.85 (1) for

1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purpose to discuss:

- a) Employee evaluation – Chief Deputy Ronald Thurley
- b) Employee issues

Voice vote, Kerschner, yes, Kalata, yes, Weiss, yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to reconvene to open session. Voice vote, Kerschner, yes, Kalata, yes, Weiss, yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the very favorable employee evaluation for Chief Deputy Ronald Thurley, and to recommend the next level increase for same. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Donna Kalata to adjourn. All members were present at adjournment. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2009, at 9:00 A.M., at the Waushara County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully Submitted:

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