

WAUSHARA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2012

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order on January 4, 2012, at 9:00 A.M., by Committee Chairman Norman Weiss. Committee members present were: Donna Kalata, Norman Weiss and Mark Kerschner.

Also present: Tim Rosin, Lt. Tim Ganzel, Jeremy Becker, Sheriff David Peterson and Darlene Mastricola.

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

Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the regular Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of December 9, 2011. Motion carried.

Public Comments - None

Fire Services – None

EMS Report – Tim Rosin

- Briefly reviewed the transfer situation, advising EMS still continues to do quite a few transfers out of Mound View, and a small number out of Berlin. In conjunction with the transfers, stated the budget looks good.
- In reference to the Town of Aurora situation, doesn't believe the township has reached an agreement with Redgranite Fire for first responder service, as Redgranite has asked for payment for the service. Tim advised he did discuss this with the Town Chairman who raised concerns about increased taxes due to dollars being moved from the Sheriff budget to the EMS budget.
- Hopes to start critical care training by January 2013, and is working with Wisconsin Rapids to get this done. Staff will need this type of training in order to continue to do transfers.
- Indicated EMS will possibly be looking at new cots for transports, as most are 10 years old and are not rated for larger patients.

Old Business – EMS – None

New Business – EMS

A) Tim had no write offs to present.

Coroner

The coroner had no report, old or new business.

Sheriff's Reports

Tim Ganzel – Met with Ed Shepard from WEM in reference to a table top exercise he will be setting up. The exercise will take place on March 28th, 2012, later in the afternoon, with the exercise being a county wide ice event. Notifications for the table top will be sent out.

2nd half payments have been received for EPCRA & EMPG.

Continues to work on the 1st half 2012 plan of work, in addition to looking at other providers for emergency notification.

The LEPC committee will meet on January 10th, 2012, with the EOC being set up for operation.

Sheriff Peterson

Advised he and Lt. Ganzel will try to get information out to service clubs to promote emergency awareness.

All state inmates will be gone by January 20th, 2012. 10 are leaving this Friday, with the final 8 leaving on 1/20/12.

Lay-offs and associated shift changes in the jail have taken place, however, advised one lay-off notice was rescinded due to the retirement of another correction officer. The other individual laid off has found a job in South Dakota working in a correctional facility.

Advised one of the correction officers who is law enforcement certified is moving to patrol filling an open position. Also, one of the night sergeants went to days, and Deputy Brian Wenzel has been selected to fill the open sergeant position.

Dispatch shifts have changed to 12 hour shifts. Dispatchers either work from 6AM to 6PM or 6PM to 6AM. The jail shifts have changed to the same times as well. Both Mark Kerschner and Norm Weiss advised they have received complaints in reference to the dispatch shift change. Sheriff Peterson stated he does have concerns about the 12 hour shifts in dispatch, and advised future hires may be cross trained to work in both dispatch and the jail.

The County may lose out on some dollars for the Firearms Surrender grant. The Sheriff's Department has done what was proposed in the grant, however, Courts requested dollars for a recording system in the big courtroom and for the law library remodel. Advised he has a call in to Madison about this, not sure if it will be approved, as they want to reassign the remaining funds.

Spillman mobile is still not up and running, and department members along with the villages who purchased the product are getting very frustrated.

In reference to the tower project, the report given to County Board was not totally correct. Motorola is paying for the new tower by the Sheriff's Office, however, there will be expense to the County for digging and backfilling the hole and black top repair. Generators should be delivered to the Wautoma and Plainfield sites sometime in January.

He and Corporation Counsel Zouski met with the State's radio person and representatives from Motorola and Northway Communications in reference to a potential problem with the frequencies. The State has agreed to eliminate DNR Brown to help the problem. Sheriff Peterson advised the State should be up and running by mid January and should get a baseline of how their frequencies are working. Once our frequencies are ready, the State's will be shut off to get a baseline for our frequencies. Once that is done, both will be up and running. The Sheriff voiced his concerns indicating that the volume of usage will only be greater as time goes on.

Met with Bill Rutter in reference to the WRC remodel. Plans will need to be submitted to the jail inspector for consideration and approval. One of the old dispatch consoles from WRC will be moved downstairs, and once the upgrade is done in dispatch, two of those stations will be moved to the EM/Security Office.

The Department has completed the investigation from the fatal crash over the Labor Day weekend. Criminal charges have been filed against the driver. The Department continues to investigate the dirt bike fatal which occurred on STH 49.

He and Coroner Handel will be meeting with Mike Leikness in reference to storage of bodies for autopsy.

Advised he received an e-mail from Donna Teschner after Executive had approved the Sheriff/Jail budgets. Changes were made however there was no change to the tax levy.

Old Business – Sheriff

A) Resolution for Taking Firearms for Safekeeping in Emergency Situations: Sheriff Peterson stated that rather than doing a resolution, he just made some additions to the Domestic Violence policy to include the safekeeping of court ordered weapons, and for the safekeeping of weapons in an emergency situation. After discussion, motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the Domestic Violence and/or Court Ordered – Firearms Surrender and Return Policy (940.05) presented by the Sheriff. Motion carried.

New Business – Sheriff - None

The Committee requested that future Public Safety Committee meetings be held in Room 263 at the Courthouse and to check with the County Clerk's Office for room availability

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on February 1, 2012, starting at 9:00 A.M. (Location to be determined depending upon availability of Room 263)

Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Donna Kalata to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Mastricola
Administrative Assistant – WSSO