

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

February 22, 2010 – 2:00
County Office Building, Oswego, NY
4th Floor Conference Room “E”

PRESENT:

Leg. Lockwood, Chair
Leg. Gardner
Leg. Flett
Leg. Kastler
Leg. Martino
Leg. Sorbello

EXCUSED:

Leg. Tresidder

MEDIA:

Aaron Curtis-Pall Times
Carol Thompson–Valley News

STAFF/GUESTS:

Barry Leemann Leg. Chair
Legs. Wilbur, LeClair, Hayes, Potter
Phil Church, County Administrator
Richard Mitchell, County Attorney
Patricia Egan, Dir. Emergency Management
Mike Allen, Director of E-911
Robert Lighthall, Undersheriff
Debbie Meyer, Director of Probation
Jack Cottet, Deputy Fire Services Coordinator
John Kruk, County Treasurer
Ted Jerrett, Clerk of the Legislature
Paul Santore, former legislator
Myron and Sue Pringle

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Committee Chair Lockwood called the meeting to order at 2:00.

1. Minutes of January 25, 2010:

Motion to approve as drafted: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Kastler

Vote: Unanimous

2. Fire Coordinator:

A. 2010 Goals

Deputy Fire Coordinator Jack Cottet presented the Fire Coordinator’s Department Goals for 2010. (See attached) There were no questions.

Motion to accept goals as presented: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Sorbello

Vote: Unanimous

3. Probation Department:

A. Budget Modification – Juvenile-Risk Intervention Coordination Services (J-RISC) Grant

Probation Director Debbie Meyer requested a budget modification to establish \$184,240 revenue and expense lines for the third year of the J-RISC Grant. Director Meyer explained that Oswego County is one of seven in the State to receive this 5-year grant. She noted that Oswego County contracts with Elmcrest Children's Center for a school based program. The majority of the monies received are targeted toward high risk youth and we contract with Cayuga Children's Home to provide Functional Family Therapy. By reducing the risk of recidivism, we are able to realize a substantial savings in costly out of home placement.

Motion to support request: Legislator Kastler

Second: Legislator Flett

Vote: Unanimous

4. E-911:

A. Resolution Establishing Capital Project for the Radio System:

E-911 Director Mike Allen requested a resolution establishing Capital Project #37 to track expenses and funding for the Emergency Communications Project. Leg. Sorbello asked what kind of savings

we might anticipate through being part of the 5 county consortium. Director Allen noted that our access to Onondaga County's Master Switch alone saves about \$800,000. He added that savings will be both in "front end" costs and long term maintenance costs. Director Allen also noted that FAA has a problem with the height of the proposed Fulton Tower and that Motorola is reconfiguring the proposal to meet FAA requirements. He also noted that the County is trying to locate all towers on County Property but time will tell if that's feasible.

Motion to support request for CP #37: Legislator Kastler

Second: Legislator Flett

Vote: Unanimous

B. Monthly Report:

E-911 Director Mike Allen presented the 911 Center January 2010 Activity Report (copy attached). Leg. Kastler noted the continuing increase of wireless 911 calls and declining "hard line" calls.

5. Executive Session to discuss Frequency Negotiations with Nextel:

Motion to Enter Executive Session at 2:28: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Flett

Vote: Unanimous

Committee returned to Open Session at 2:55

6. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 2:56: Legislator Gardner

Second: Legislator Flett

Vote: Unanimous

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Oswego County Fire Coordinators Office Department Goals for 2010

February 5, 2010

The Fire Coordinator's Office is located at 720 East Seneca Street in Oswego. This is also the location of the newly acquired fire training center. The Coordinator's office is responsible for the county mutual aid system, fire training, hazardous materials responses, and fire investigations.

Additionally, the office serves a liaison function between county firefighters, the county legislature, and the State Office of Fire Prevention & Control.

Goals for 2010 include the following:

- Continued assistance to the county's 32 fire departments at fires and any other emergencies as requested.
- Training at both the fire training center and fire stations throughout the county in various emergency response topics.
- Expanded use of the fire training center by industrial/commercial customer base, and out of county fire departments with a goal of a self sufficient operation for county firefighting forces. Since the January meeting of this committee, we have received a commitment from Constellation Nuclear for brigade training. We are also in negotiations with Vermont Yankee nuclear and Sunoco Petroleum's newly acquired Ethanol Plant in Volney for training services.
- Continued upgrades at the Fire Training Center including improvements to props, classroom facilities, and educational support materials. We have been contacted by Entergy for a possible grant for equipment updates at the training center.
- Continued support of local fire service agencies with regards to fire investigations, fire prevention programs, and fire related youth counseling.
- Continued support of the County wide Hazardous Materials Team, which also includes readiness and responses to Weapons of Mass destruction/terrorism related events.

There are currently proposals at the state level of government that may affect the delivery of fire service training. At this point in time these are strictly budgetary proposals. At the Central District Fire Coordinators Meeting on February 1 at Onondaga County, New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control representatives were on hand to discuss these proposals. There is a very real possibility that several offices at the state level will be merged into one agency commonly referred to as "Emergency Services".

9-1-1 Center - January, 2010

Center Activity

1,964 9-1-1 calls answered
2,669 W9-1-1 calls answered
2,022 7-Digit Emerg. calls answered
5,772 Admin. / Non Emerg. Calls answered
3,365 Outgoing Admin. calls made

2,331 Fire / EMS calls dispatched
7,055 Law calls dispatched

6380 (92.89 %) Emergency Calls answered within 10 seconds

Requests for information

10 Requests for recorded audio files
4 Requests for statistical reports

Management activity

Met with CNYRDA to discuss possible role that Agency might play in the development of a regional communications board

Met with Senior Staff members to discuss issues of importance to the Center

Met with Law Enforcement Group to discuss issues of importance to the Center

Held a Technology seminar with Senior Staff to preview the new CAD Features to be delivered in the upgrade

Conducted weekly conference calls with Team Leads for the Radio Project

Conducted two conference calls to finalize the re-band agreement figures

Traveled to Cayuga County E-911 to participate in CNYICC meeting