

Portage County Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes

7:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Portage County Law Enforcement Center – Training Room

Members Present: Chairman Dan Dobratz  
Member Stan Potocki  
Member James Zdroik

Member Excused: Member Don Jankowski  
Member Dale O'Brien

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Lukas, Portage County Sheriff's Office  
Chief Deputy Daniel Kontos, Portage County Sheriff's Office  
Captain Dale O'Kray, Portage County Sheriff's Office  
Captain Cory Nelson, Portage County Sheriff's Office  
Denise Schultz, Portage County Sheriff's Office Communications Manager  
Karen Moran, Portage County Sheriff's Office  
Clair Glisczynski, Portage County Sheriff's Office  
Jennifer Jossie, Portage County Finance Director  
Patty Dreier, Portage County Executive  
Lisa Coonen, Interim Deputy Corporation  
Joe Gemza, Assistant Chief, SPFD/PO Co Ambulance  
Craig Wilson, Information Technology Analyst  
Al Hawker, Information Technology Director

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dobratz at 7:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Zdroik/Potocki to approve the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting minutes of December 21, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Vendor Invoice List Reports:**

Motion by Potocki/Zdroik to place the December 2016 vendor invoice list reports for Ambulance, Emergency Management, Sheriff and Coroner on file. Motion carried unanimously.

**Emergency Management/EMS – Monthly Activity Report & Correspondence:**

Joe was at a conference and unable to attend the meeting. Two new hires are expected to start January 30, 2017. Chairman Dobratz will request they both attend the February meeting.

## Sheriff's Office:

### Jail Activities

The following report was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

► *Monthly Jail Report December 2016*

The following report was distributed at the meeting:

► *Home Detention Program Statistics for December 2016*

Currently, 21 inmates are out on Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP). In 2016, \$460,000 was spent on inmate shipping which was \$35,000 over budget for 2016. Job interviews were held for the corrections officer eligibility list-- interviewed 6 candidates, background checks will be completed on 4.

### Operations Activities

Two Communications Technicians have been hired. Michael Bettcher will be starting on February 6, 2017, and Kody Krieg will be starting on February 20, 2017. There is still one opening but only 2 people can be trained at one time. A third Communications Technician is anticipated to be hired in May 2017.

Deputy Interviews are scheduled on February 16, 2017, to fill one position.

Construction of five Simulcast towers has been completed. The bid process will be starting on the Grant Tower and hoping that will be up sometime this spring. Motorola is going to start putting equipment on the existing towers.

Denise Schultz shared that Communications Technician Cody Smiley did an outstanding job helping a citizen that was driving a vehicle with faulty accelerator by explaining to her how to put the vehicle in neutral to stop the vehicle.

### Administrative Activities

Two Life Saving Award recipients –

Deputy Kevin Flick – Assisted with AED and CPR to save a man's life. The man was able to return home four days after the incident.

Communications Technician Cody Smiley – Assisting with a faulty accelerator

The Sheriff also commended the Sheriff's office on handling the ice storm last week. There were over 61 accidents/incidents as well as a burglary in progress and everyone did a great job.

The Sheriff also requested support from the committee in requiring additional health insurance quotes to ensure employees are getting the best possible rates.

Member James Zdroik commended the Sheriff and staff for assisting in the Town of Alban regarding the release of Chapter 980 violent sexual offenders into their community.

The Sheriff advised that there will more released and that ordinances at the town or county level do not apply to the Chapter 980 Violent Sex Offenders.

Chairman Dobratz commended Sheriff's Office Deputies for attending Towns Association Meetings.

Motion by Zdroik/Potocki to place the reports on file. Motion carried unanimously.

**Coroner's Office Activity Report:** None

**Public Notice:** Chairman Dobratz read the Public Notice. No members of the public were present.

**DISCUSSION ONLY:**

**2016 Court Services Unit Activity Report:**

The following report was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

► *Portage County Sheriff's Office Court Services Unit Activity Report*

In 2016, 39,921 people were screened by the Court Services Unit, which averages to 160 people per day. Recovered 600 weapons, 480 were knives; there were no firearms this year. The average number of weapons discovered was 2.5 per day which is 1.5% of those who were screened.

There were 2,271 law enforcement actions, including 34 arrests, 26 warrants and 40 disturbances or other affrays. The most active area of the Court Services Unit (CSU) transported 1,300 prisoners and escorted over 800 inmates across the street to the courthouse.

**Chair Comments: Resolution to Support Private/Public Partnerships for Equitable Ambulance Service in Portage County:**

The following Resolution draft was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

► *Resolution to Support Private/Public Partnerships for the Equitable Ambulance Service in Portage County.*

Chairman Dobratz wanted to make the committee aware of the resolution and that it will be on the EMS Oversight Committee agenda. The Towns Association created the draft. Outlying areas feel they are being underserved by ambulance and EMS. Dobratz advised the committee the survival rate in Portage County is above the national norm because everyone works together and privatizing could make this more difficult.

**DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**2017 Budget Adjustment: Accept CWDTF:**

The Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force has been awarded an Anti-Meth Grant. Chief Deputy Kontos advised we have not received any information at this time, so this item will be placed on the next Agenda.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee is Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room.

Motion by Potocki/Zdroik to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Clair Glisczynski