



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PORTAGE COUNTY LEC
TRAINING ROOM
1500 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

8:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

Members Present: Don Jankowski, Stan Potocki, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Barry Jacowski

Attending In-Person: Don Jankowski, Stan Potocki, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Barry Jacowski

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Others Attending:

Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Superintendent Rocky Bolder, Sheriff's Office

Lt. Jacob Wills, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Cass Cousins, District Attorney

Jessica Cliver, District Attorney's Office

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department/EMS

Anthony Luchini, Plover Fire Department/EMS (Remote)

Dr. Michael Clark, Medical Director (Remote)

Brandi Makuski, Point-Plover Metro Wire (Remote)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports
2. Medical Director's Report
3. District Attorney: Update on Diversion Program

District Attorney Cass Cousins:

- The Diversion Program currently has one full-time and one part-time staff
- There will be presentation on the program at the next Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee meeting along with the opportunity to ask questions

PRESENTATIONS

4. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

None.

VENDOR INVOICE LIST REPORTS

No questions on Vendor Invoices

5. Sheriff
6. Emergency Management
7. Emergency Medical Services
8. Medical Examiner
9. District Attorney

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

10. Emergency Management

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Met with 8 towns and villages regarding the mitigation plan
- Met with UWSP for their mitigation and integrated preparedness plans
- Public survey was reviewed and sent out for public comment and opinions regarding the county mitigation plan
- Participated in a few FEMA mitigation webinars
- Met with the State regarding an exercise with the UWSP for their Family Assistance Center
- Provided assistance to the Village of Plover with Celebrate Plover event
- Worked with Stevens Point School District with their Family Assistance Center - functional exercise at Woodlands Church
- Participated in the Portage County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- Attended Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting on August 1, 2024
- Computer and Hazmat Equipment Grant has been submitted
- Working on printing WICAMS cards for various organizations
- Working on updating evacuation flip charts and maps for the county
- Working on establishing warming and cooling centers throughout the county

11. Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Hosted training with the billing company and the providers
- Attended a listening session on Fall Prevention

12. Jail Activities

Superintendent Rocky Bolder:

- Two new Corrections Officers started on 08/26/2024
- One Corrections Officer completed field training and started on solo duty

13. Operations Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - Two Deputies are mid-way through training and are doing well
 - Interviews for the Deputy positions will be conducted on September 11, 2024

- Deputy Marielle Yenter started as a Detective on August 5, 2024
- Deputy Brandon Johnson started as Community Resource Officer on August 5, 2024
- Communication Center:
 - One Communication Technician is finishing field training
 - Interviews for the open positions will be conducted mid-September

14. Administrative Activities

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Had two major incidents occur within the last month: one in Amherst, one in Wisconsin Rapids (originated in Portage County)
 - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is reviewing both incidents
 - Staff was offered counseling services
- Past and upcoming events:
 - Burgers with Badges at Mr. Brews on August 1, 2024
 - Hatchets with the Hounds at Section 715 on August 3, 2024 (Portage County vs. Wood County) - \$21,000 was raised for K-9 programs in Portage and Wood Counties
 - Police Lights of Christmas at Culver's on August 13, 2024
 - Cop on the Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts on August 16, 2024
 - Guns & Hoses Baseball Game on August 25, 2024 (raising funds for veterans)
 - Jackstand Car Cruise Check Presentation for K-9 Program on September 7, 2024
 - Drug Takebacks in October 2024
 - Contracted Police Services for construction companies in the construction zones on the interstate
- Working on a couple of grants:
 - \$10,000 grant for annual in-person wellness checks for staff
 - Department of Justice grant for Medical Alternative Treatment Program for the jail along with the post-release counseling

15. Medical Examiner Activities

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- Public Health Department received a grant related to overdose deaths - part of the funds were allocated to the Medical Examiner's office for autopsies related to overdose deaths

16. District Attorney Activities

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes July 24, 2024

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to approve the July 24, 2024 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

18. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Stan Potocki, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:33am.