

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINTUES

February 13, 2008 7:30 a.m.

Lincoln County Annex, Conference Room

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call of Members Present: Ron Mittelsteadt, Bob Lee, Dan Caylor. Mr. Krueger and Mr. Plant were absent and excused.

Visitors Welcomed: Mike Soucy, Jason Bondioli, Len Francoeur, John Kudick, Bob Odegard, Paul Proulx, John Uttech, Tony Hartwig, Bill Zeitz, Jeff Kraft, Nathan Walrath, Don Schlising, Richard Berndt, Brian Klebenow, Jeff Jaeger, Randy Frokjer, Earl Welker, Diane Hanson.

Lutheran Social Services Update: Mr. Welker presented the final December, 2007 report. He is in the process of training his replacement (Tracy Lamert).

Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to place on file with their thanks for his efforts during his tenure. Carried.

EMS/Firemen Discussion: Mr. Lee said that a member of the Law Enforcement Committee had asked to address an issue(s). Mr. Zeitz indicated that some rural First Responders and Fire Departments were very concerned that sometimes they were not being paged out for 9-1-1 calls. John Uttech, Fire Chief for the Pine River Fire Department brought copies of correspondence with him and began going back through dates, times and various instances in which they were not paged out. He also said that letter(s) were sent to the Sheriff's Department and made phone calls, but does not see significant change. He also stated that he brought these same issues up at some of the Emergency Services Group meetings.

Mr. Odegard asked also to address the committee on an issue he had with our mapping system. He said that Little Florida Trailer Court revised their addresses and he remembered giving a copy of those changes to the Dispatch Center. Sheriff Jaeger also remembered receiving a copy of it. But because of the mapping system, it wasn't corrected. The Chief said it was a problem with the software.

Mr. Frokjer (representing the Town of Pine River) said there should be clearly designated boundaries for Pine River and other townships on our mapping system.

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Reference was also made to a DOA west of town recently in which the First Responders were not paged out. Sheriff Jaeger said that originally, that call came in as a car in the ditch and it wasn't known until later, that there was a deceased person pinned under the vehicle. He said that in some instances they won't be paged out, and dispatchers and police must act on the information they have at the time.

Mr. Lee said that this was not the proper place to air these concerns, but he asked this item to be placed on the agenda solely because it was asked of him by another committee member.

Mr. Mittelsteadt suggested scheduling a meeting, get a policy together and follow it. He said it doesn't matter who's in charge, the only concern should be the Public Safety.

Sheriff Jaeger agreed that today's discussion was very positive and would plan further meetings with representatives of the fire departments to resolve specific problems.

Sheriff's Reports: There was a discussion between Mr. Caylor and Sheriff about getting a copy of the personnel training roster, however, the request was withdrawn. Chief Soucy advised the committee that he would seek bids to replace four marked squad cars for the March meeting.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to place on file. Carried.

Recreation Officer Activity Report: Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to place on file. Carried.

Coroner's Report: Paul Proulx presented his written and verbal report. Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to place on file. Carried.

9-1-1 Supervisor's Report: Written report submitted with committee packets. Motion by Mittelsteadt, Second by Caylor to place on file. Carried.

Jail Maintenance: Lt. Kraft said he is still working with the architects on planning. The Jail Inspection is scheduled for next Thursday (February 21, 2008). Committee will receive a copy of the report as it becomes available.

Nathan Walrath was also introduced to the committee. Lt. Walrath will be taking over Lt. Kraft's duties upon his retirement.

Hiring of Correctional Officers for new POD: This is only to establish an eligibility list to mesh with the new construction schedule. Motion by Caylor, Second by Lee to authorize establishing an eligibility list. Also to authorize replacement of retiring CO Gary Frisch. Chief said he would ask to put the matter on the agenda for the next Administrative & Legislative Committee meeting. Carried.

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Replacement of Deputy: Deputy Sukow's last official day of duty is April 10th. Motion by Caylor, Second by Lee to authorize replacement and forward to Administrative & Legislative. Carried.

Video Conferencing: This issue is addressed in large part by the new pod construction and courthouse projects.

Schedule next regular meeting: Next regular meeting was scheduled for March 19th, 2008 at 7:30 a.m., lower level Conference Room, Lincoln County Courthouse.

Adjournment: Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.