Rusk County Emergency Services

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011

Members present: Skogen, Knops, Schultz, Schneider and Willingham
Others present: Sheriff Kaminski, Chief Deputy Hahn, Tom Hall and Mike Hraban

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Skogen at 8:00 AM.

2. Schneider/Knops motion to approve the agenda, motion carried.

3. Knops/Schneider motion to approve the August 5, 2011 meeting minutes, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
   A. Monthly Report - Tom Hall presented the September 2011 monthly report. Hall participated in several dam drills with Xcel and Dairyland as well as ICS PIO certification.

   Hall requested training for PIO in November, WEMA conference in Madison including legal aspects of EM and ICS 300/400 in October. Willingham/Knops motion to approve the training requested, motion carried.

   The Safety and Wellness fair went well. Hall is working on carry and conceal policies, insurance for EMT and FR for events, WEM and FEMA paperwork, and mutual aid with Chippewa County for first responders and ambulance. There will be a tabletop drill with Allen Bradley on September 15th.

   Finance removed $85,000 from the 2012 budget which eliminates a new ambulance. Indirect costs were reduced to 20%.

   EMS call types and A/R were reviewed. Bills were reviewed and signed.

   Willingham/Knops motion to approve the monthly report and pay the bills, motion carried.

   B. Radio for EM vehicle if money in budget – Hall is not certain whether his radio is narrow band capable and he may need to purchase a radio if not. Hall will bring this issue back to the committee next month.

5. Rusk County Coroner presentation – absent

6. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
   A. Monthly report - Sheriff Kaminski presented the August 2011 monthly report. The average daily inmate population was 42 and daily EMP inmate population was 1. Upcoming training requested for Ahneman, Jaedike and Nitek, DOJ Conference Sept. 21-23rd in Green Bay and Brunner for annual jail conference November 9-11th in Stevens Point. Schneider/Knops motion to approve the requested training, motion carried.
Kaminski informed the committee that later this month the radios will be programmed and in compliance with narrow band. The towers have been upgraded the past several years and this will complete the requirement. The approximate cost to program all the radios in the department will be $10,000.

Deputies provided some security at the Rusk County Junior fair but did not participate at the community fair.

Inmate housing billed for August was $17,333.79 and YTD is $81,632.20.

Chief Deputy Hahn prepared overtime statistics for June – August. Overtime hours left unfilled each month were June – 172 hours; July – 93 hours; and August – 55 hours.

B. Bills total $30,804.33

Knops/Schultz motion to pay the bills and approve the monthly report, motion carried.

C. Hiring Process – the female part-time dispatch jailer has been hired and will begin employment by the end of the month. We begin advertising for a part-time patrol vacancy.

D. D’Amico claim – The family of Greg D’Amico submitted a claim that they did not receive some personal items belonging to Greg D’Amico. These items were a wedding ring valued at $1200, a watch and a couple of other items. Schneider/Knops motion to deny the claim from the D’Amico family, motion carried.

Mike Hraban reported that the City Legal Affairs committee is working on revamping the housing nuisance ordinance in the City of Ladysmith. This could push the problems out to the county.

It was questioned whether there is a need for a joint meeting(s) with Ladysmith Police & Fire Commission and Rusk County Emergency Services committee on any communication issues between dispatch, EMS and Fire. Kaminski will speak with the Chief of Police and if they feel there is a need, they will schedule a date and time to open communications.

7. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 8:00 AM.

8. Schultz/Knops motion to adjourn at 9:15 AM, motion carried.