



Public Safety Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting – September 12, 2024

Meeting Minutes

The Public Safety Advisory Committee met on Thursday, September 12 at the Erie County Department of Public Safety (ECDOPS) building at 2880 Flower Road – Erie PA 16509. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman, James Rosenbaum.

Member's in Attendance: David Basnak, Brian Mesaros, Rich Shopene, Dan Loewenheim, Jim Rosenbaum, Shalan Anderson, Scott Sebulak, Charlie Heffner, Rebecca Long, John Durlin, John Grappy, Dan Spizarny, Len Trott and Jen Nicolia.

Directors Report:

- John Grappy provided an update on the 2025 proposed Public Safety Fund Budget; reported on the directive from the County Executive, re: PSAC meeting dates & times, posting of minutes on the County's website and current vacancies due to retirements on the committee.

Division Managers Report:

- 911 Division:
 - John Durlin reported on the call stats YTD, CAD Incident Stats, and 911 Center operational changes and vacancies. In addition, provided an update associated with multiple projects: EC Sheriff's Department (deployment of CAD / LERMS); AHN Fellowship Program; obtained access to PennDOT traffic cameras; Union City School District - 911 Inform; Special Needs Registry; and Prepared Live.
- Technical Services Division:
 - Rebecca Long reported the hiring of our new CAD Administrator; working closely with the 911 Division on their previously reported items; working with the Northern Tier counties on the implementation of our new regional voice logging recorder; successful completed of our CLEAN Technical Audit; and resolved radio issues at the Edinboro Library - tower site.
- EMA Division:
 - Brian Mesaros reported September is Public Preparedness Month; updating emergency operation plans; and developing self-reporting damage assessment program during natural disasters.

Sub-Committees:

- Communications – No report.
- Emergency Management – No report.
- Fire – No report.



- Legislative – No report.
- Emergency Services – John Grappy reported the hiring of our new EMS Plan Administrator; meeting with county council members by district and municipal officials, re: proposed EMS Authority; West County Paramedic Assoc. - consulting services by County Officials and Strategy Solutions (Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan); Millcreek Paramedic Service - consulting services by County Officials and Strategy Solutions (Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan); and South County EMS Study - consulting services by County Officials and MCM Consulting Group (Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan).
- Law Enforcement – Dan Spizarny reported City Hall getting new admin. phone system; obtained electronic key fob access to city schools; discussed program called “Safety Smart” (school districts); discussed staffing, number of sworn officers; reviewed crime stats; working with the District Attorney Office on new program for recovered shell casings; discussed Presidential Candidate visits; Rich Shopene reported on the Mental Health Crisis (LECOM).
- Public Education – John Grappy reported on the status of the first PSA (when to call 9-1-1); developing second PSA related to emergency preparedness – inclement weather.

Announcements:

- Upcoming Public Safety Government Dinner, Friday, September 27.
- Next PSAC meeting scheduled on December 12, 2024, is canceled due to the holidays.
 - Next meeting will be scheduled in January 2025.

Adjournment at 3:30 PM.