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PERSONNEL & TRAINING

Deputy Wayne Ames hosted RADAR class for area law enforcement officers on March 10. PT Deputy Keeter and I attended. Deputy Henson had this training in the academy. This training is done every two years. Three members of the Miller Police were present and two members of the Spink County Sheriff's Office also attended.

Nehemia Volquardsen began his employment on March 19, 2012. He is working varied shifts to facilitate working at the Miller Housing Commission and for us. He normally begins between 10 A.M. and concludes after his 8 hour work day concludes. We are "flexing" his extra hours.

Deputy Jim Henson will be coming off probation soon. I was unable to find him a domestic violence shelter in which to work. I will have him attend more training in lieu of attending a shelter. Currently, local training is scheduled for May 2nd.

I do not plan to attend the annual Joint Meeting of the South Dakota Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police. I have too many things going on here.

I will be hosting ICS-100 (Incident Command Systems - Intro) beginning on Thursday evening at 7p and the following Thursday from 7p. The ICS-200 class will follow at a later date. New department heads and commissioners are "required" as part of NIMS compliance to either take the class or the independent study class via the internet. You are invited to attend. If fewer than 6 students show up, the class will be postponed.

Evening Clerk position opening: This position remains "open until filled".

EQUIPMENT

2002 Chevy 1500 pickup: I took this vehicle to Deputy Keeter's house to be dismantled. To date, we have not found a suitable, affordable vehicle to trade it for. We will continue our search.

Earlier this month our oldest computer started to act up. I attempted a variety of repairs and then it finally stopped restarting. It is the oldest computer in our inventory, made in mid 2007. I can purchase a new hard-drive for \$150 and Windows 7 for \$199 (Walmart) or replace the unit with a new one with Windows 7 for \$350 (shipped to Walmart). This is just for the CPU part of the computer, the monitor we have still works fine. I was originally planning on replacing this next budget year. I would like permission to purchase this computer for \$350 or a suitable replacement is none are available, up to \$400.

The defibrillator I had requested last month was unavailable, the vendor will notify me when one is available. I will purchase it at that time.

2008 Chevy Trailblazer (Black): On February 29 this vehicle was ran into while sitting in the courthouse parking lot. It sustained an estimated \$820 dollars damage. It has been repaired and is back in service.

GRANTS

2010-2011 Highway Safety Grant program: I will be submitting reimbursement requests for the previous several months.

2009-2014 COPS GRANT program: The end of the quarter is March so I will be requesting reimbursement on this program also.

ACTIVITY:

My YEAR TO DATE activity report is attached to this newsletter. This information is also uploaded to the sheriff's page on the Hand County Website. It can be reviewed at any time.

NECOG

I attended the NECOG revolving loan fund board meeting on March 28, 2012. There is an executive board and council meeting on April 4. Invites to the annual meeting were sent out last week. That date is May 10.

More information can be found at www.necog.org. I encourage you to visit the NECOG website.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GRANTS:

- 2011 Homeland Security Grant: The generator has been ordered for production. Delivery date is not known at this time.
 - Ron Blachford informed me (Doug) that he intends to have his staff remove the old generator from its current room to the coal room in the coming days.
 - We will seeking out a contractor to build the base platform for the unit once specifications arrive for the dimensions.
- State and Local Agreement / "SLA": An amended SLA agreement sheet was received for your review and approval. (See attached).

ACTIVITIES:

- Nehemia spent the first week learning the statutory requirements of his emergency management position (SDCL: CHAPTER 34-48A) and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD: 50:02)
 - Continued study was on 911 Reporting systems (SDCL: 34-45) statutes and 911 administrative rules. (ARSD 02:05)
 - Continued study on the State and Local Agreement (SLA)
 - Bookkeeping
 - Report Writing
 - Administration (timesheets, leave, bills and revenues)
 - Inventory controls and purchasing
 - ICS training
 - Updating the website, NIXLE alert system and use of FACEBOOK / TWITTER messages.
 - Emergency Management Courses (all the way to Nationally Certified Emergency Manager)
 - I did the annual 911 surcharge / employee report (copy provided to Auditor by email)
 - Integration of Emergency Management into the sheriff's office administration.
 - March 30: Met with state staff in Pierre during a IMAT meeting.
 - April 2: We met with the Miller City Council about outdoor warning sirens / mutual aid agreements and a city "point of contact".
 - April 5: Meeting with Kendall Aldinger and Kyle Ward (OEM-Staff) on reporting requirements, exercise design and implementation.
 - April 10: Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at the Miller Fire Hall (noon).
 - CERT (Community Emergency Response Team): No report / change from last month.
 - Preparations for summer storms and severe weather awareness week this month.
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