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## May 2012 Newsletter & Commission Report

### PERSONNEL & TRAINING

Despite the rumors which were circulating around town, Deputy Wayne Ames did not accept the offer by Haakon County to be and then run for their sheriff's position. He was recruited and received an offer which he declined.

I have been working to train Nehemia Volquardsen in the various issues, objectives and practices in Emergency Management, Hazardous Materials, County 911 operations and general office operations. Nehemia is a good student and seldom needs to be told how to do something twice.

I would like to remove Deputy Henson from probationary status (as a result of a disciplinary issue from 2011). We were unable to have Jim serve at a shelter because of timing, distance to travel, short notice and some of them would not allow him to work with the clients. He will have completed two domestic violence training sessions since this incident occurred, in addition to his training in the academy.

The staff will attend Domestic Violence training on May 2. The class is hosted by the Miller Police Department and will take place in the Miller Fire Hall. The session is open to Commissioners if you would like to attend and learn more about this issue.

The ICS-200 class will begin on May 3rd.. I had 9 students in the ICS-100 course.

Evening Clerk position opening: This position remains "open until filled". (six months running)

### EQUIPMENT

I attempted to purchase the replacement computer from Wal-Mart.com but they did not have our tax exempt status for the online store, only the retail store. I have been sending the appropriate information back and forth with walmart.com and hope to have approval in the next week. I will then make that purchase once the exempt status is approved. (THIS WAS DONE)

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. (Same status for two months).

STOBBS has located a 2008 GMC Envoy (midsized SUV like the trailblazer) with 44,000 miles on it. In keeping with the guidelines set out previously, I purchased the vehicle and we will surrender the 2002 Chevy Pickup previously used by Emergency Management. We will then begin the exchange of equipment. This will depend on remaining budget funds.

## **GRANTS**

**2010-2011 Highway Safety Grant** program: Reimbursement requests were submitted manually for this program. Bob Marler came to Miller and met with about our program. He shared many things he likes about hour administration of the program and we reviewed the sheriff's office FACEBOOK page where safety messages are posted. We discussed how injury accidents are down in the county but unfortunately DWI arrests are up. Speed and alcohol continue to be the biggest factors in our injury accident investigations. I have a "required" meeting on this program in Pierre on May 3rd in Aberdeen.

**2009-2014 COPS GRANT** program: Reimbursement requests were submitted online. This process takes about three hours every three months. A narrative summary is written and filed online. A payment request is pending and will be completed once I get access privileges back to the Department of Justice website. I was locked out repeatedly and I suspect it is an internet issue.

## **ACTIVITY:**

I completed the renewal application for one of our four FCC licenses. This process normally costs several hundred dollars to have done but I have learned to do it locally and have become somewhat efficient at it.

We have had fewer theft, vandalism and burglary reports in the last half of April. We have been seeking information about possible suspects but so far we are unable to file any charges.

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**

The NECOG annual meeting is May 10 in Aberdeen. We had an EXECUTIVE BOARD meeting and a council meeting on April 4 (a week later than normal) and heard from two staffers with the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

More information can be found at [www.necog.org](http://www.necog.org). I encourage you to visit the NECOG website.