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Newsletter & Commission Report
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PERSONNEL:

- I previously interviewed another applicant for deputy sheriff and subsequently made an offer to him. He asked me to give him a couple weeks as he had other applications out. On 10-19-14 I contacted him and he stated, "I have two problems with this, money and locations, actually just money". Currently I have no serious applicants for either open full time position.
- Aaron Meyer of Huron was offered the "unscheduled part-time" deputy sheriff's position as discussed last month. He started on 10-15-14 with a wage of \$13.22 which is our hourly rate for uncertified employees. Aaron has shown me his certificate and Law Enforcement Training in Pierre has confirmed that Aaron is currently certified, therefore I would like to change his pay to \$13.72 an hour which is consist with our pay scale for a new but certified deputy sheriff.
- Executive Session to discuss personnel according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for two employees.
 - Tammy Hofman - Resignation
 - Nehemia Volquardsen - Moonlighting
 - Permission to advertise requested based on outcome of Executive Session.
 - Permission to adjust wages based on discussion of Executive Session.

TRAINING:

- I have signed up for "mass fatality" training in Pierre over December 17 & 18. This training deals with accidents / events which lead to multiple deaths and how to handle them. I have offered to drive if others sign up to attend.

Policy Manual:

- I have not and probably will not have any time to devote this project. I suggest you ask someone else to work on it.

EQUIPMENT:

Tires: I ended up replacing the tires on the black Trailblazer. I wanted to wait until 2015 but the tread depth was down to 1/32 above the wear bars. I got the tires for about \$122 each on a special purchase offer.

Prisoner Cage for vehicles: Still working on this.

Hand Guns: The new handguns arrived. The vendor, Jack's Uniforms of South Sioux City, NE, arranged for me to turn in the surplus handguns to Simons Outdoor Sports (Dale Simons) to transact the trade in. Jack's will then send us an invoice for the difference.

County Mutual Aid Radio System: In the middle of October, Nehemia and I installed yet another repeater the Ree Heights tower site. This repeater was parts and pieces of various stuff we had on hand. The transceiver was the repeater the highway department had previously used. We were told the power amplifier was un-repairable. Apparently that was not true because VanTech Communications & Communications Center in Pierre repaired it. The other component was the EF Johnson repeater we originally purchased back in 1996 and which remained in service until 2012. We were told this repeater could not be converted to narrow band so it was replaced. Afterward we found out a kit was sold by EF Johnson for a limited time to do the conversion. Our discovery of the kit was too late. The marriage of the highway department transceiver and the EF Johnson amplifier, duplexer and power supply was successful and we now have a full functional 100 watt repeater in place. The previous repeater put out 38 watts. We have received favorable reports so far but the interference is still present.

We will soon find out if the FCC granted us a license on the 460 mhz band. We are currently on 453 mhz and this move up the frequency spectrum is our hope to avoid the radio interference present on our old frequencies.

Once the FCC approves our new frequency, we will begin to program the almost 200 field units on the system. This will take some time as we will have to visit each site and set up two times to do the work in the evenings. I suspect this will happen between December and February.

Once all the field units are programmed, we will have the newly remodeled, high power repeater, reprogrammed and tuned to the new frequencies. We wait to see if successful in getting away from the interference. If not, we will have done all this for nothing.

Once the switch is made, we will move toward installing the repeater at the North County Highway Shop. This will give the field units improved coverage in the north part of the county. The alternative is to rent repeater space from Dakota Electronics of Aberdeen. There are advantages and disadvantages to both plans. We are working to iron out those issues now.

GRANTS

The 2013-2014 Highway Safety Grant : PT Deputy Aaron Meyer is eligible to participate in this program, even as a part time officer not receiving benefits. He will be working several hours of Federal Overtime each Friday and Saturday evening.

BVP / Vest Grant: I am in the process now of signing up for this program. Under this program the grant would pay about 50% of the costs associated with the purchase of vests for the officers.

2009-2014 COPS GRANT program: I submitted the quarterly reports for the period ending September 30, 2014. The program webpage says we have \$80,021.74 (SF-425 report) but the draw down website (GPRS report) says there is \$77,480.56 for a difference of \$2,541.18. The expected end date is February 2015 unless the program is extended.

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES:

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 last meeting was on October 29, 2014 when there was a Development Corporation, Executive Board and Council meeting all held in one day. I was asked if you had picked another representative for the council. I was also asked if I would continue on with the council and the executive board.

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

Hand County Sheriff's Office, Report of Monthly Activity (2004 to Present)

Activity by period:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (Year to Date)		
Case Reports / Responses	456	480	483	306	488	553	461	558	580	416	434		
Sheriff's Returns (Process Served)	234	207	254	260	262	391	246	260	199	204	218		
Pistol Permit Applications	76	78	80	98	99	109	105	100	145	180	82		
Accidents (No injury)	115	97	101	87	90	98	101	99	112	76	82		
Accidents (w/Injury)	7	11	13	1	2	10	12	10	13	11	13		
Accidents (w/Fatality)	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0		
Traffic Tickets Issued	77	84	67	61	16	51	107	157	87	132	57		
Traffic Warning Tickets Issued	60	23	40	28	10	25	138	268	117	341	139		
Writs of Execution / Judgment	40	30	24	25	28	43	51	71	69	46	40		
Distress Warrants for Taxes	2	2	2	5	2	3	4	6	5	4	0		
Unattended Deaths	4	2	2	0	3	3	3	2	4	2	3		
Hand County Warrants Open			44	2	50	55	62	54	51	57	57		
Totals	1075	1015	1110	873	1053	1341	1290	1585	1383	1471	1125		

Persons in Held in Jail or Detention

Adult Prisoners	50	41	4	6	20	18	0	21	17	13	6		
Juveniles in Detention	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1		
Prisoner Days	675	855	774	186	-	-	-	180	UNK	288	250		

Financial Report

Accounts Receivable to Jail	\$14,515.00	\$21,202.12	\$28,377.12	\$27,409.62	\$27,437.12	\$28,907.12	\$30,753.80	\$1,125.74	\$1,375.74	\$1,065.74	\$815.74		
Jail Restitution Received	\$2,820.00	\$4,325.00	\$3,545.00		\$4,805.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,413.62	\$1,820.00	\$350.00	\$1,885.00	\$2,785.00		
Revenue from Sheriff's / Other fees			\$4,153.18	\$4,730.76	\$4,166.51	\$6,662.54	\$5,055.89	\$4,553.75	\$3,305.01	\$3,901.23	\$6,305.54		

Accident Damage Information (Does not include medical expenses)(Sheriff's Office Only)

2004 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$351,357.60												
2005 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$344,269.90												
2006 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$439,364.90												
2007 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$396,975.67												
2008 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$280,457.52												
2009 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$433,199.00												
2010 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$394,084.34												
2011 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$384,380.41												
2012 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$490,103.99												
2013 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$282,716.57												
2014 Vehicle Accident Property Damage	\$560,541.76												

When "UNK" appears this is because the records can not be validated yet. Some records were maintained correctly or information was loaded in the wrong area.

**Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates
Selected South Dakota Areas**

South Dakota Areas	SOC Code	Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code Title	Worker Level	South Dakota Wages						
				Mean	Entry	Percentile				
						10th	25th	50th	75th	90th
Hand & Surrounding Counties	33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	140	\$ 15.29	\$ 11.47	\$ 10.52	\$ 12.18	\$ 14.10	\$ 17.05	\$ 20.76
Hand & Extended County Selection	33-0000	Protective Service Occupations	400	\$ 16.10	\$ 10.38	\$ 9.42	\$ 11.61	\$ 15.06	\$ 18.43	\$ 23.21
Hand & Surrounding Counties	33-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hand & Extended County Selection	33-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	20	\$ 29.48	\$ 21.06	\$ 19.66	\$ 22.69	\$ 27.33	\$ 30.28	\$ 49.76
Hand & Surrounding Counties	33-3012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	30	\$ 14.44	\$ 12.89	\$ 12.06	\$ 12.85	\$ 14.17	\$ 16.22	\$ 17.74
Hand & Extended County Selection	33-3012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	90	\$ 15.94	\$ 12.08	\$ 10.98	\$ 13.48	\$ 16.12	\$ 18.04	\$ 21.50
Hand & Surrounding Counties	33-3021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hand & Extended County Selection	33-3021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	10	\$ 38.06	\$ 27.43	\$ 27.04	\$ 28.56	\$ 34.92	\$ 44.64	\$ 47.43
* Hand & Surrounding Counties	33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	30	\$ 18.04	\$ 15.31	\$ 14.29	\$ 15.66	\$ 17.53	\$ 19.88	\$ 23.28
Hand & Extended County Selection	33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	110	\$ 17.37	\$ 14.40	\$ 13.27	\$ 15.04	\$ 17.04	\$ 19.52	\$ 22.21
Hand & Surrounding Counties	33-9032	Security Guards	30	\$ 11.61	\$ 10.62	\$ 9.90	\$ 10.41	\$ 11.27	\$ 12.53	\$ 14.10
Hand & Extended County Selection	33-9032	Security Guards	90	\$ 10.96	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.24	\$ 9.35	\$ 10.53	\$ 11.62	\$ 13.79

Data compiled from May 2013 South Dakota Occupational Worker and Wage estimates aged through June 2014 using Employer Cost Index.

The Hand & Surrounding Counties area consists of the South Dakota counties of Beadle, Buffalo, Faulk, Hand, Hyde, Jerauld and Spink.

The Hand & Extended County Selection area consists the South Dakota counties of Aurora, Beadle, Brule, Buffalo, Clark, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Hughes, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lyman, Miner, Potter, Sanborn, Spink and Stanley.

An n/a indicates data is not available due to confidentiality concerns.

[SOC: Standard Occupational Classification system](#)

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, October 2014.