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Newsletter & Commission Report
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PERSONNEL & TRAINING

- The applicant I wanted to hire had a negative back-ground check. It was very disheartening to find at the final point in the process but after speaking to Commission Jones, we felt it to be in everyone's best interest to "pass" on that candidate. We will move onto the next candidate until we find one that "fits".

Training:

- We will have annual TASER training this month. The Miller Police Department has the training officer so we will not have to travel.
- I attended the sheriff's conference in Deadwood. We had several great training sessions, the two main sessions focused on "lost prevention" or how to mitigate potential liabilities before the event occurs. Our insurance provider provided the speaker for one course on reducing vehicle accidents / fatalities in law enforcement and the other was Gordon Graham, a national expert on personal & personnel issues. Clearly, after hearing these presentations, we have issues to resolve in the sheriff's office and county wide. Frankly, the main issue for liability issues later is a lack of proper recruiting, training and discipline in staff.
- It is clear that a more comprehensive office policy manual is needed.

Policy Manual:

- No activity

EQUIPMENT

SECURITY: We are going to try and take the vehicle cages from our old vehicles and a cage I was given by the Miller Police Department to fabricate a cage for one of the current vehicles. This recycling should save us money and reduce the waste of the older cages. I hope to have this project completed in May.

There are several companies that produce holding cages for short term detentions. Everything from one person "phone booth" style containers to multiple person units. The expense of the items varies depending on mounting style, size and construction. I hope to resolve this issue in May also.

The "load test" of the generator will be another issue we hope to resolve in May. Each office should develop a plan or policy on how to secure their electronics when adverse weather is forecasted. The lost of data and data storage can cost considerable dollars and time when failures occur.

GLOCK, the manufacturer of our duty weapons is interested in doing a quote to replace our firearms for new handguns. GLOCK was at the sheriff's conference and indicated that in most cases they can take old firearms in trade and put departments into new weapons for about \$100 a weapon rather than \$400 a weapon. Our weapons are about 11 or 12 years old as the records are not real clear. I will be submitting a request to GLOCK for an appraisal.

The rains of early May leaked through the roof and into the attic. The rain then ran into some of our network equipment and ruined it. I attempted to dry it out, clean it and reuse it but the damage was fatal. We lost a network access point, a five port switch and an 8 port switch. I purchased replacement items online for about 1/2 of retail. I do, however need to discard the old equipment. The items are:

- Linksys 5 port switch
- Linksys 8 port switch
- Linksys wireless access point

GRANTS

The 2013-2014 Highway Safety Grant : We expect to hear back soon if we were awarded funds for this in the next grant year.

BVP / Vest Grant: I will be re-applying with the program opens again. Presently all of our vests (2) are out of date and facially invalid. This is a liability we can mitigate by purchasing the vests without the benefit of the grant. Each vest is about \$600-\$800 depending on vendor and security level.

2009-2014 COPS GRANT program: No report

Courtroom Security Grant: I will purchase the camera system for the courtroom soon and hopefully get it installed soon.

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

I attended the NECOG Development Corporation meeting on May 28, 2014.

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