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Newsletter & Commission Report  
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**PERSONNEL:**

- I made an offer on the Office Manager's position, it was declined. I have made a second offer. If it is declined I will need to re-advertise.
- I made an offer to Brandon Koster for a deputy sheriff position. He is graduating in May with a degree in police science. He accepted and will start on May 20 at \$16.00 an hour. If he passes the "reciprocity" test at Law Enforcement Training (LET), he will attend an abbreviated program at LET and become state certified at which time his wage will go to \$17.00.
- I am still searching for an Emergency Manager and second deputy sheriff.

**TRAINING:**

- I received a refund of \$85 from the South Dakota Sheriff's Association for registration fees from the conference I was unable to attend. The room I reserved was used by a neighboring sheriff at no expense to Hand County.

**Policy Manual:**

- Safety Benefits did their safety audit on Tuesday April 28. I was told verbally that I passed but there were several recommendations I need to complete to suit their needs. Some are safety equipment purchases and others are revisions to policy.

**EQUIPMENT:**

- On Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> while on a call the driver's side door of my vehicle was caught by a wind gust and stretched the hinges on the vehicle. The hinges are modeled to the body of the vehicle. The body shop adjusted the door but the hinges may need to be replaced.

**County Mutual Aid Radio System:**

- I completed programming for the following agencies: Polo Fire (100%), Ree Heights Fire (100%), South Hand Fire (100%), Miller Fire (75%), Hand County Ambulance (75%), Miller Police (80%), Hand County Sheriff (100%), Hand County Highway (90%), City of Miller public works (80%), Wessington Fire (0%) and Wessington Ambulance (0%). The change in repeaters effects Wessington the least which is why they are last.
- We were still searching for a 55' or better utility pole to replace the one the City of Miller had (which was rotten). This will delay placement of the repeater at the North Highway Shop.

**GRANTS**

**The 2013-2014 Highway Safety Grant :** In the process of writing this grant for the next year.

**BVP / Vest Grant:** Currently closed.

**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 NECOG offices moved to the new location the week of May 4-8. The phone number and PO Box number are the same. The new location is north of RDO Equipment.
- \*\*\*\*\*are moving to the new location. As a result, I intercepted some of their surplus office equipment, among those items was a used commercial copier. If I can get it working, we will use it, if not, it will be discarded.
- More information can be found at [www.necog.org](http://www.necog.org). I encourage you to visit the NECOG website.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & 911 REPORT

- On May 6, 2015 I received a refund check from Interstate Power Systems for overpayment or credit on the service contract for the two generators. It amounted to \$140.
- On May 5, 2015 I contacted Gary VanHill (Fleet Sales Mgr) for Billions about the delayed delivery of the new Dodge pickups. The vehicles were ordered on 12-12-14 with a 90 to 120 day delivery estimate. According to VanHill, the floor covering was unavailable and caused the delay. Deliver of the Highway Dept pickup was \_\_\_\_\_ and the Emergency Management pickup was \_\_\_\_\_
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- The state 9-1-1 coordination board sent me some communications about the “NEXT GEN 911” or NG911 project. Apparently, GIS is a huge component of the NG911 process and it requires that the county roadways be GIS layered so that addressing can be performed at our level and at the NG911 level.
- The best example I can give is that currently a 911 call from a wireless device shows up on mapping but it may not have data about which agencies are to respond. This process would resolve that. Conversely, if a home (landline) calls, it is not displayed on the mapping system, just on the call screen. This process resolves that issue by placing the land based calls on the mapping system.
- This will improve response when calls are dropped, of the caller cannot speak, or can barely speak or if the call is open / unattended.
- In order to complete this process, the county can either do the GIS work locally or hire someone to do the work for them. The process will start with the DOT base line mapping of roadway centerlines, which is already done. Anything that is missing would have to be added.
- I have spoken to Mid-Dakota Vegetation Management (MDVM) (Andrew Canham) and his company believes they can help us complete this process (without mobilization fees, etc). I would like initial approve to solicit MDVM and hire them as needed to complete the data. I have already been told this is an approved expense for 911 surcharge revenues. The local end of this project should not reach the spending limits for formal bidding. When MDVM gets an idea of the expense, I will / can report it to the public safety liaison (Commissioner Jones) or whoever else would like to hear it.
- This is a large project and should be time consuming but with the help of MDVM, it should help the process move quicker and remove us from being one of two with no GIS data.