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Newsletter & Commission Report
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PERSONNEL:

- Roxy Peck resigned without two weeks' notice on September 25. This leaves this position open and opens a discussion on what we will do next.
- There are still no suitable leads on the office manager's position.
- Deputy Koster tested with Law Enforcement Training (LET) in Pierre and passed the reciprocity test. He then returned to LET and two required segments which included firearms, use of force and emergency vehicle operations and passed them. For all practical purposes, he is not certified with the state of South Dakota and only needs to have the LET Commission approve his credentials. This will likely happen at the next LET Commission meeting. Once Koster is certified he would advance in the wage scale and receive an additional \$1/hour step increase. He is also approaching his 6 month county probationary period and if taken off probation would receive an additional \$0.50/hour step increase.
- I still have a disciplinary issue which needs to be addressed. I would like to do in executive session.
- Aaron Meyer moved to the Hills Area in the spring but never formally resigned his appointment and employment as a part-time deputy. I recently received his resignation and will file it with the Auditor's Office.

TRAINING:

- I did not attend the annual ND/SD Sheriff's Conference and Training. I did, however attend the Office of Highway Safety grant preparation training on October 1 in Aberdeen.
- Deputy Larson and I have been working through various orientation items.

EQUIPMENT:

- None

County Mutual Aid Radio System:

- I will be submitting the construction report for the "North" repeater to the FCC and then developing a training report for agencies to use on the modifications to the system.

GRANTS

The 2014-2015 Highway Safety Grant : We will be closing this grant in October.

The 2015-2016 Highway Safety Grant: We were approved for funding for the coming year to pay overtime to deputies who participate in the program. The meeting listed above is part of this process.

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

- At the end of 2015 I will **be resigning my position** on the NECOG council's executive board and my appointment to the council as your representative. I took this position after Betty Morford left as county auditor and Sandi Selting took over but did not want to serve on the council for you. I have been on the NECOG executive board in one capacity or another for nearly 18 years.
- The commission has yet to appoint its other member, now you will need two.
- This has been a rewarding experience
- I have not yet decided on whether I will remain on the NECOG development corporation board of directors or not.