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Newsletter & Commission Report
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PERSONNEL:

- I hired Martina Kittelson-Caviness as a temporary part-time employee to help with office manager duties. She is doing very well and I could use her more than 19 hours a week. I would like to offer her seasonal status so she (and we) can have more hours to help out until I can find a regular full-time person. Her entry wage \$9.75 and that would not change.
- I am conducting interviews for the second deputy sheriff's position and might likely make an offer in the next two or three weeks.
- I have four applicants for the Emergency Management Directorship. I would like to screen those applicants with you in executive session to discuss the suitability of each.

TRAINING:

- The HCSO & EM will host hazardous materials awareness training on August 8 and firearm training on August 16.

EQUIPMENT:

- During the last week of June, the white trailblazer, broke a front strut. Both of them were replaced and the alignment was adjusted.
- AED: Last year I was given permission to purchase a AED for the third vehicle but did not because pricing was wrong and the position was vacant. I want to know if that permission is still valid. \$1250 new, the first two are almost 10 years old and were received on a grant.

County Mutual Aid Radio System:

- This project has had to take a back-burner to the other responsibilities I have going on. Once a new EM is hired, we can share parts of this project and get it done.
- A 55' pole was donated to the county by EREC to replace the pole we were to have received from the City of Miller which turned out to be rotten.

GRANTS

The 2013-2014 Highway Safety Grant : I completed this grant application and submitted it. I have not received notice if we were awarded or not.

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

- No report.
- More information can be found at www.necog.org. I encourage you to visit the NECOG website.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & 911 REPORT

- The new Dodge pickup was received in late June. We had the antennas installed at Sioux Falls Two-Way and the lighting equipment will be installed locally.
- The GIS project for the county is underway but I do not know when it will actually be completed.
- NIMS / ICS training. A report on NIMS/ICS training is included in your package. This is all the county based agencies in the public safety / public works field who have a responsibility during a disaster. The report is, at best, "horrible" because we have such a low number of people who have taken the free, online, basic courses. From the county's perspective, there are a number of officials who need to complete the training or who may have not submitted the certificates:
 - Commissioner Wangsness
 - Commissioner Jones (newly elected)
 - Commissioner Rodgers (newly elected)
 - Commissioner Wernsmann (missing level 100 & 200)
 - Highway Supt. Hargens
 - Emergency Manager (vacant)

