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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors’
Public Safety Committee**

August 15, 2017

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Chris Granger, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Chris Granger, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Chris Butler, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Sheriff Robert Mosier
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Deputy County Administrator
- Mr. Darren Stevens, Chief, DFREM
- Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Office of Management and Budget
- Ms. Janelle Downes, Human Resources
- Ms. Joelle Kight, FCSO
- Mr. Gary Dillon, W.P.D.
- Mr. Tom Marable, VFRA
- Mr. Jack Ledden, Social Services
- Ms. Chris Connell, McShin Foundation
- Tom Pavelko, Staff

3./4. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Granger moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting. The minutes and agenda were approved. All in favor.

5. Communications Statistics Update

Mr. Granger reviewed the July 2017 communications statistics. He noted Fauquier’s “push to talk” call volume compared to those of Culpeper and Rappahannock Counties. No additional inquiry was made by the committee.

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6. Recruitment Efforts

Chief Stevens provided the committee with an update on DFREM recruitment. He advised they have issued five offer letters for six vacancies that are scheduled to start September 5, 2017. They have also advertised in anticipation of new positions funded by the SAFER grant. They have received 128 applications, some of which are ALS providers and EMT's. He noted the challenge of recruiting, as other localities will also be receiving funds and hiring from the SAFER grant at the same time.

7. Sheriff2Citizen Software

Sheriff Mosier introduced the new Sheriff2Citizen on-line reporting system that was purchased with roll over funding and savings from the last fiscal year. Joell Kight gave an overview of the new software that allows citizens to file certain reports or complaints on-line, that will ultimately result in a cost savings to the County. Once a report is filed, an email is generated to all patrol supervisors for immediate review and appropriate follow up. The system can be accessed from the Sheriff's Office home page on the Fauquier County website. Once the system has been fully implemented, they intend to notify citizens through a press release.

8. Drone Program

Captain Ray Acors provided information on the UAS (drone) program the Sheriff's Office is initiating. Some future uses of the drone program include traffic and damage assessment, search and rescue, as well as tactical situations such as hostage and barricades. Drone training will be the major hurdle prior to implementation as it requires a special license to fly a drone for public agency use. Captain Acors believes the UAS program will be off the ground in March 2018, contingent upon various federal approvals and authorizations.

9. McShin Foundation Presentation

Chris Connell of the McShinn Foundation discussed their recent efforts to open a peer to peer facility for recovering addicts in the Warrenton area. Based out of Richmond they offer multiple paths of recovery including 12 step, faith based and others. They have been working with offenders in the local jail since April 2017 and she feels they are making a difference. She stressed the importance of having a recovery community in the area to support those being released from incarceration. Discussion ensued about the rise of opiate related overdoses here in Fauquier County.

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10 . Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mr. Granger called for adjournment at 6:44 p.m. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 12th day of September 2017.

*Thomas S. Pavelko, Staff
Fauquier County Public Safety Committee*