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TO: MAYOR LANCE WESTCAMP AND THE CITY OF GROVEPORT COUNCIL

March 2014

From the Chief:



It was a quite month for the PD. We moved into our facility the first week of March. A few small glitches but the building is working out wonderfully. Thank you Mayor Westcamp and City Council for your continued support.

March 3, 12 and 21st – we met with the sergeants negotiating team.

March 8 – lectured at the National College in north Columbus on Violence in the Workplace

March 14 – attended the graduation at Eastland Career Center

Communications:

A couple of issue arose last week, out of our control but I think we have a handle on it, thanks to Jeff Green and The Franklin County Sheriff's Office. The digital age started a few years ago and some mandates we anticipated we began to transition over. What we did not anticipate was the sudden unexpected, "today you" will make all the changes needed to be compliant with the Federal P-25 (Project 25) digital radio system and that the Microsoft no longer will service or provide protection to any XP system.



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Computers:

On April 7, 2014 at 1:20 PM, I received a phone call telling us that any XP operated computer will not be able to work with the servers through the Sheriff's Department. This system allows the officers to obtain license plate and driver's license information as well as safety issues about dangerous persons or even wanted persons. I understood, like everyone that the XP system will simply no longer be serviced by Microsoft and in the last two years we have been phasing new computers into service.

However, the shock came about 11 PM when the Sheriff's office decide to block us completely and we did not have any service. After, making a call (professionally!) I was contacted by their IT staff and they worked things out and continue to do so.

The problem is that new computers for the marked cruisers are required at an approximate cost of \$30,000.00.

Radios:

The Franklin County Sheriff's office who dispatches for us and the Columbus Police Department are the agencies who control all of the radio frequencies we utilize. The days of a single channel, car to car, was eliminated shortly after 9-11-2001. The mandate that all Public Safety agencies must move towards digital network has come to fruition.

Most of our radios are near 15 to 20 years old and cannot be serviced or made to go from the old analog system to the digital system.

I was notified On April 14, 2014 that the Franklin County Sheriff has estimated full service by July of 2014 and that all agencies utilizing their dispatch services must be 100% digital by October of 2014.

Again, fortunately we began this process a few years ago. This year we anticipated early and placed a request for approximately \$50,000 for new hand held radios which meet all of the digital specifications and military specifications, as well as being able to utilize new systems as they become available.

As far as the cruiser radios are concerned, I personally worked with their Homeland Security and Communications staff later in the day and they have included us in their grant process to obtain 10 mobile (cruiser) radios, which is estimated at over \$100,000, not including installation. This will save us from having to outlay and request more funds from council to make the radio communications systems work.

Digital Recorders:

Last year the authorization to purchase DVR's for cruisers had been requested and approved. The came in very slowly but we finally secure a new fresh quote for \$25,192.00 from Martel Industries out of California.



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Officer community involvement; continuing education and training:

Three schools where attended by officers:

- 1) Sexual Assault Investigation Training
- 2) Command presence at Barricade situation
- 3) Rifle precision

March 2014 Stats:

MUTUAL AID CALLS	Number	REPORTED OFFENSES	Number
Franklin CO SO	6	Accidents	17
Madison TWP PD	20	Assaults	2
Madison Twp. Fire	17	Bad Checks -	0
Obetz	4	Burglaries	0
CPD/ CFD	1	Criminal Mischief	0
Public Assistance	121	Domestic Disputes	1
Other Agencies	0	Domestic Violence	3
House Watches	9	OVI and alcohol issues	3
		Fights	0
Mileage	18,211	Disorderly Conduct	0
		Theft Related/ Robberies	9
Reserve/Part Time Hours	70	Weapon Related Calls	2
		Missing Persons/Juveniles	1
		Narcotic Related Offenses	1
Traffic Citations	62	School Related Incidents	3
		Stolen/Unauthorized Use	1
Reports taken	200	Warrant/Arrests/Subpoenas	2
Identity Theft	0	General Complaints	5
Field Interviews	1	Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	1
		Parking	9
Juvenile Complaints	2	Threats	3
		Vandalism	1
		Suicide (0 attempts)	0
Vacation hours used	44	Child Custody Issues	2
Sick time hours used	175	Rape	1
Comp/personal time used	64		



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