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### **Week of January 11, 2010:**

- I participated in an almost all day conference call with the 911 Study Group on Tuesday. We were completing the remainder of our report for the 911 Board.
- I attended a regional Manager's meeting today in Plymouth. The main topics of discussion were Child Support Enforcement, Mental Health, and the 911 study recommendations. Tyrrell and Hyde have decided to contract with Washington County instead of using a private contractor. The rest of the counties seem to be moving toward a contract with one of the two private providers that we interviewed. We are waiting for the results of the consultant's report before making a recommendation to the Board. We also discussed Mental Health and the process for joining a new LME.
- Mike Cox and I met with Rich Olson on Thursday to go over the draft interlocal agreement for merging the recreation departments. We agreed on a number of changes and Mike will present the revised document to the Board for consideration.
- Attached is the latest sales tax information. Even though the amount compared to last year is less, we actually had a positive month. We were still receiving Article 44 sales tax last year, so if you compare just the original Article 39, 40, and 42 sales taxes, we had an increase this year for the month of October. One month does not make a trend, but it is a positive note for a change.
- Upon the advice of the attorney for the jail project, we distributed \$305,745 to NC Monroe's attorney for the purpose of distributing to the subcontractors on the jail project. We are still holding the \$880,000 in retainage, but all of the payment applications have now been paid.
- Our United Way Campaign is currently underway. Our early contributors have pledged \$3,348. Our goal this year is \$10,000.
- County offices will be closed on Monday for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### **The following are reports from some of our other departments:**

#### **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

The Board of Elections staff is preparing for the upcoming candidate filing which begins on February 8, 2010 at 12:00 noon. Candidates file in our office with the exception of Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges and District Attorney, who must file with the State Board of Elections in Raleigh. However, candidates for these offices may pick up their filing forms, informational documents and Campaign Finance Manuals in our office. Candidate filing ends on February 26, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

#### **Emergency Medical Service**

- Our Training Officer, Jeffrey Davis, went to the Dismal Swamp Welcome Center area this week to talk to the park rangers about how we respond and where the equipment is located on our ambulances.
- This week we began in our trial phases of CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure). CPAP allows us to help those patients suffering from severe difficulty breathing and reduce the incidence of having to breathe for the patient. We have used it twice already this week with outstanding results.

- We had our teaching institution reapproved by the North Carolina Office of EMS. This will allow Pasquotank Camden EMS to continue to provide continuing education and initial training programs through our service.
- We had interviews at the beginning of the week in order to fill a full time vacancy. We have made our selection and notified the selected candidate. This new technician will begin orientation with our department on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- EMS has been assisting Emergency Management this past Tuesday and Thursday with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

### **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Staff members attended a one day train the trainer class in Raleigh for the newly developed Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) North **CA**rolina **WA**rrant **RE**pository (**NCAWARE**). This statewide repository was developed in response for a comprehensive statewide repository of unserved criminal processes. NCAWARE will replace the legacy Magistrate System. Pasquotank and Camden Counties will go live on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The NC Board of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO) held their annual retreat in Elizabeth City January 13-15. The Board worked on numerous items but focused on training classes for 911 operators and other Public Safety Centers and Personnel.

### **Emergency Management**

Rebecca spent this week at the National Hurricane Center on the campus of Florida International University in Miami, FL attending a class on Introduction to Hurricane Preparedness. The class covered topics of National Hurricane Center Operations, Understanding Forecast Products, Decision Making Tools and Lessons Learned, HURREVAC and SLOSH Display Program training, as well as other forecasting and decision making studies. The class allowed for open discussion with NHC Director Bill Read, NHC Staff and FEMA staff and concluded with a Hurricane Decision Making Exercise. This class and travel expenses was funded by FEMA and NC Division of Emergency Management.

I participated in another Emergency Management Performance Grant Committee (EMPG) conference call on Monday. This committee is made up of representatives from small, medium and large counties to determine a better methodology of how counties will receive their yearly EMPG funding.

I attended our NC Division of Emergency Management Forum on Wednesday at the University of NC-Greensboro. A report was given on the progress of the EMPG Committee. Presentations were also given on proposed model plans for Licensed Care Facilities, Recovery Planning, Special Needs, Points of Distribution (PODs) and Management of Commodities. Craig Fugate, FEMA Administrator was scheduled to speak but was called back to Washington, D.C. due to the Haiti earthquake.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is in its second week. Our roster is presently at 30 students and this week the instruction focused on Disaster Medical Operations. The instructor for this session was Walter Meads; assisted by Jerry Newell.

### **Cooperative Extension:**

#### **Agriculture**

Dr. Omon, Professor at A&T State University, visited with a local greenhouse grower to discuss the possibility of mushroom production and greenhouse vegetables.

The master volunteers will donate funds to support the Haitian relief initiative.

Agri-Business meeting was held to discuss the final plans of the 2010 Soybean Festival that will be held on Thursday, January 28.

Plans are underway for the 2010 Wake Up to Agriculture Day which will be held on April 16th

Al Wood is among 40 agriculture leaders on a study tour in Brazil. Al will return next week and will be putting together information from his South American study tour.

### **Family & Consumer Sciences**

CPR Recertification Class was held for 10 day care providers

6 attended the Parenting Matters session

3 seniors were helped with Medicare Part D

4 EFNEP home visits were made with the topic Fix it Fast, Fix it Safe; Plan What's for Dinner and MyPyramid

### **4-H**

Assisted one youth in completing her 4-H Honor Club Application. Less than 1% of the youth are inducted into the Honor Club.

Met with staff at the YMCA to prepare plans so that we can partner together on different projects.

Planning meeting was held in Plymouth for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual science camp where Pasquotank youth will learn how to become a crime scene investigator.

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