

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

March 25, 2008

Committee Members

In Attendance: Vito Pinto, Chair, William Burton, Peter Harckham, Gordon Burrows, John Nonna, Ken Jenkins, Judy Myers, George Oros.

Guests in Attendance: CEO: Bill Randolph DES: Tony Sutton, Mike Volk IT: Marguerite Beirne, John Elliott BOL: Melanie Montalto.

Minutes

Chairman Pinto called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Marguerite Beirne, acting CIO for the County, stated that we are seeing a decline in revenue for 911 calls from land lines because cable phone line and cell phone 911 calls are not currently taxed. We are estimating a short fall of 1 million dollars in 2009 due to this decrease in land line calls.

Tony Sutton, Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services, stated that there is federal legislation pending that would require the cell phone carriers to provide the number of the call, the geographical location, and a third piece of legislation is to determine a more accurate location . John Elliot of the Department of Information Technology said we are currently in phase II where all of the cell towers in the County get can get the GPS coordinates of the call. Currently all of the cell calls in the County are taken by the State Police at the Transportation Management Center in Hawthorne and they have a map in which they can accurately direct the call to either the County 60 control fire and EMS or, if they are aware that the local fire and EMS are not connected to 60 control, they will direct the call to the local police department. The TMC uses GPS tracking to locate the cell phones and determines which police department is closest to the caller.

Commissioner Sutton, John Elliott from Information Technology, Mike Volk from the Department of Emergency Services and Marguerite Beirne explained the technology that is used at 60 control, providing detailed examples of how it works.

Moved by Legislator Burton and seconded by Legislator Myers the Committee on Public Safety and Security adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

A complete audio recording of this meeting is on file.