

The Legislature of Rockland County



JAY HOOD, JR.

Legislator – District 3

Chair, Public Safety Committee

Members Present:

Leg. Chair H. Cornell
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair
Leg. A. Paul
Leg. C. Carey
Leg. E. Day

Members Absent:

Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Chair
Leg. A. Wolfe

Others Present:

E. Yeger, Esq.
L. Falco
P. Ramos
Leg. M. Grant

B. Atkins
T. Seery
D. Greeley

S. Sherwood
N. Longo
Leg. D. Jobson

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
5:15 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2013

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
CAREY/DAY**

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1. REF. #5327 - APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO PURCHASE 2013 NYS LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOKS FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF) (\$10,000)
(LOUIS FALCO, SHERIFF)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CAREY/DAY, CORNELL**

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TRANSFER TO B&F 3/12/13**

ADDED SPONSORS:

LEGS. HOOD, CORNELL, EARL, CAREY, PAUL, DAY, JOBSON

2. REF. #9252 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DURING EMERGENCIES
(HON. EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE)

Legislator Day discussed the importance of having coordinated communication within the county during emergencies.

Dan Greeley said that information was posted on the county website and social media during Hurricane Sandy. Regular media such as television, paper, and radio was also used. There is a need to increase bandwidth to help get information out better. Working on expanding social media is critical to the future of communication.

Leg. Day noted that while social media is important, 1640 AM should be examined as well.

Pablo Ramos said that 1640 AM is limited because not many have access to radios during storms. Information is shared with InfoRock and other towns and villages, which post information on their websites.

ACTION: FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES SHOULD DETAIL THE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT RADIO STATION FOR USE DURING EMERGENCIES.

Sheriff Falco said using radios is difficult because power is often disrupted and most people don't have batteries and access to such radios.

Chair Cornell noted the NY Alert system and how it functions.

Commissioner Sherwood noted that DSS was functioning despite the absence of power during Hurricane Sandy. InfoRock received numerous calls during the storm, mostly about power.

DISCUSSED

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:05 PM
CORNELL/CAREY**

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