

The Legislature of Rockland County



JAY HOOD, JR.

Legislator – District 3

Chair, Public Safety Committee

Members Present:

Leg. A. Wolfe
Leg. A. Paul
Leg. Chair H. Cornell
Leg. C. Carey
Leg. E. Day

Members Absent:

Leg. J. Hood, Jr. Chair
Leg. T. Earl, Vice Chair

Others Present:

E. Yeger, Esq.
J. McCormack
Leg. D. Jobson
Leg. P. Soskin
L. Falco
T. Seery

B. Atkins
A. Ovchinnikoff
M. Sullivan
S. Armaghan
C. Jensen
G. Wren

F. Peverly
L. Incalcaterra
A. Gromack
M. Hook
S. Mathews

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013
5:15 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2013

**MOTION TO ADOPT:
WOLFE/DAY**

UNAN

1. REF. #8896 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,250 (NCTD) FROM CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT CONSULTING GROUP, LLC TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR 2012 EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH TRAINING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS IN EVACUATION PROCEDURES [OFFICE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES] (\$6,250)
(GORDON W. WREN, FIRE AND EMERGENCY)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:
CAREY/EARL**

**UNAN
TRANSFER TO B&F 2/26/13**

ADDED SPONSORS: LEGS. CORNELL, CAREY, DAY, PAUL, WOLFE

2. REF. #9472 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* REVIEW OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO HURRICANE SANDY IN ROCKLAND COUNTY
(HONS. JAY HOOD JR., EDWIN J. DAY, LEGISLATURE)

Leg. Wolfe introduced Frank Peverly of Orange and Rockland to present to the legislature.

Mr. Peverly of O & R discussed the improvement in restoration time and communication from Hurricane Irene to Sandy.

There are three areas of concern for improvement:

- Providing information to first responders, officials, and residents in a timely manner.
- Process of responding to issues
- Reinforcing the system to handle the new weather patterns

Mr. Peverly also discussed partnering with the community and government to improve response to future storms.

Leg. Wolfe thanked Mr. Peverly for the presentation.

Leg. Day noted that improvements were made during more recent storms. While there were some issues in Rockland, it was worse in other areas.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK WILL DISTRIBUTE LETTER FROM SUPERVISOR GROMACK TO THE GOVERNOR REGARDING THE RESPONSE TO THE STORM

Leg. Carey said that issues with the online interactive map should be addressed.

Chair Cornell noted that many residents don't have smart phones to access the information O & R posts online.

Gordon Wren said there needs to be improvement on data assessment, and the staffer assigned to the county should be a more senior official.

ACTION: GORDON WREN WILL PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVING THE RESPONSE TO FUTURE STORMS

Supervisor Gromack suggested that a large joint meeting of people from every organization involved would be helpful moving forward on this.

Legislator Jobson shared his experiences working on the response to the storms and explained the difficulties of restoring service.

DISCUSSED

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

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