

Dorset – Manchester Public Safety Workgroup **Minutes from January 6, 2014**

The Workgroup was called to order at approximately 5:00 PM in the Manchester Public Safety Facility's Emergency Operations Center.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ORGANIZATION:

O'Keefe and Brooks offered introductory remarks. Brooks stated that he thought the Workgroup should elect co-chairs, one from Dorset and one from Manchester and that appointed citizens should service this function because they are the most objective. Others members agreed.

Brooks moved, seconded by Bourn, to elect Colin from Dorset and Carroccio from Manchester as co-chairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Colin and Carroccio jointly assumed the chair and led the meeting.

Workgroup members introduced themselves. The Workgroup consists of the following individuals:

From Dorset, Chris Brooks, Mike Otedel, Rob Gaiotti, Ralph Colin, John Cueman, Shawn Hazelton and Jean Kingston (Dorset Fire District), Chip Straub and Howard Towsley (East Dorset Fire District).

From Manchester: Ivan Beattie, Lisa Souls, John O'Keefe, Paul Carroccio, William Brownlee, Philip Bourn and Jim Doherty (MFD), Chief Michael Hall and Sgt. Patrick Owens (Manchester Police Department).

At-large members include: Jim Sullivan (BCRC), Ben Weiss and Mike Casey (Manchester Rescue Squad).

The Committee, through consensus, delegated public relations functions to the two town managers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION:

Hall and O'Keefe gave a powerpoint presentation on the Manchester Police Department. The presentation covered police and dispatch services, and included current assets, vehicles, equipment, personnel, employee relations, recent improvements and training.

O'Keefe stated that he estimated that it would cost about \$1,300,000 to run the Department in Fiscal Year 2015 and the Department would collect about \$37,000. Workgroup members asked questions and discussed the presentation.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND SCHEDULING:

The Workgroup discussed the memorandum of understanding between Dorset and Manchester and possible schedules and upcoming presentations. The Workgroup decided to meet more often than originally envisioned. The Workgroup scheduled meetings for January 20 and February 3, both starting at 7:00 PM.

TOUR AND ADJOURNMENT:

Carroccio stated that the Workgroup planned to take a tour of the Manchester Public Safety Facility, that no official business would take place after the tour and that the meeting would adjourn at the end of the tour. Members toured the Public Safety Facility.