

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY
MINUTES: February 1, 2010

**PUBLIC SAFETY
& SECURITY**

COMMITTEE: Vito Pinto, Chair, John Nonna, William Burton, Judy Myers, William Ryan

In Attendance: CE: Katy Delgado DES: Tony Sutton BOL: Melanie Montalto

MINUTES:

Chairman Pinto called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Tony Sutton, Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services explained to the Committee that the contract with Motorola for first responder radios has been extended so that they can complete their corrective work on the system, and they are replacing all of the radios to reduce interference caused by rattling keys that the firemen are required to carry for emergencies. Commissioner Sutton stated that the County owes Motorola the balance of the contract and he does not want to pay until the system is completely corrected. He also stated that this system is costing the county significantly less than most other systems would and is providing the same service.

Commissioner Sutton explained to the Committee how the different emergency service teams were selected around the country to be sent to Haiti to help with the earthquake relief. He stated that these teams are all pre-trained, FEMA teams, who are ready to go at will.

Legislator Nonna asked the Commissioner about the status of the Food Bank warehouse. Commissioner Sutton stated that he has not yet been able to discuss it with the new administration in great detail.

Legislator Nonna asked if the Commissioner envisions many cuts in his Department in the near future. Commissioner Sutton said that he does. He stated that in order to deal with the shortfall of dollars he thinks everyone will need to cut programs and staff soon. He is very thankful for the grants his Department has.

Moved by Legislator Burton seconded by Legislator Myers the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting were approved with a vote 5-0.

With a motion by Legislator Myers seconded by Legislator Burton the Committee on Public Safety and Security adjourned with a vote of 5-0 at 10:02 a.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST