

12th Meeting of Strategic Planning and Readiness Center Committee

March 10, 2023 at 9:00

PRESENT:

1. Admin.
 - a. Attendance roster- Y.C. Fire/EMS Administrator Roger Hooper, Y.C. Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes, Maine CDC Liaison Adam Hartwig, Interim Sanford Fire Chief Rick Smith, Saco Police Chief Jack Clements, Corporal Anthony Ciampi, Y.C. Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont, Wells Police Captain Kevin Chabot, Commissioner Ring, Executive Administrative Assistant Kathy Dumont, Commissioner Dutremble, Deputy Manager Linda Corliss, Cait Grant, Y.C.C.C. Workforce Development, Goodwin Mills Fire Chief Mat Duross and Y.C. Sheriff William King
 - b. Minutes of Feb. 2- Fire Chief Duross motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ring seconded the motion. Vote- Unanimous

2. Architect/Engineers/Construction Manager

Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont informed the Committee that there will be a meeting with the Town (of Alfred) on April 3rd. He added that they are still working through EPA matters with the Town.

Chief Hooper stated that they had a ZOOM meeting yesterday with the construction team and the costs came in at \$45 million. We need to get the cost down, he explained. The group will have some work to do.

3. CDS Request Status
 - a. Funded \$750,000 for EMS Simulators- Beginning application process
 - b. The \$950,000 for CDS for L/E Simulators did not get approved.
 - c. Starting applications for next round. Deadline March 15th-
Chief Hooper explained that he is working on the next round of CDS requests.

4. Establish Subcommittees

Chief Hooper informed all that the RFP for the training tower is written and will be published soon. The deadline for proposals will be mid-April.

Chief Hooper suggested that the Committee should look at both options.
Corporal Ciampi stated that at the last meeting it looked like the outdoor range was not an option but that he would much rather have one. Law enforcement committee members agreed.

5. MOA between YDFRF and YCG

Chief Hooper informed all that the MOA was approved by the Commissioners at their last meeting.

The MOA agrees to jointly raise funds. Chief Hooper added that we need to develop business rules.

The understanding (in the MOA) is there are two separate groups with a common goal. This document will allow for a business or anyone wishing to donate on a charitable, tax-free basis.

6. Training Tower Vendors

a. RFP done, posted

7. Mobile Weapons Trainers

Corporal Anthony Ciampi stated that the weapons simulator search was not as fruitful as he had hoped it would be. He reached out to a company that only rent these units on a monthly or weekly basis. They directed me to the companies that build them. He circulated printouts from Milo and Laser Shot.

Corporal Ciampi explained that they cost anywhere from \$200,000 to \$400,000 to build.

Fire Chief Duross asked what the charge is to rent a unit.

Biddeford Police Corporal Ciampi responded that he didn't get into that as he thought we wanted something to keep on-site but that he can get those numbers.

Chief Hooper stated that it might be interesting to know the cost of leasing vs. purchasing one.

Chief Duross suggested maybe we rent at first.

Corporal Anthony Ciampi explained they do not offer long term rentals. They only rent on a short-term basis.

Chief Hooper suggested that perhaps we can fit this in with the burn tower funding. This sub-committee could bring the range into the fire tower group.

Corporal Ciampi asked what other items the Committee want him to look into regarding the weapons simulator.

Fire Chief Duross replied that it is worth investigating the cost of a Conex box.

Chief Hooper suggested having a person selling these items come to talk to us.

Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes asked if having an outdoor range was out?

Chief Hooper explained that the discussion (at the last meeting) was if can be used 24/7 if we have it indoors. We can be good neighbors.

Discussion of members liking the option of an outdoor range better than an indoor one.

Jail Administrator Thayer stated that there is no way you can do a training class for the academy in that. You'd need a much bigger range.

Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont stated that he thinks the town (Alfred) will not want an outdoor range as that location is in a watershed area. He added but that doesn't mean we couldn't put it somewhere else.

8. Recent Field Trips

a. Planning trip to Brookline MA to see a WHP burn/tower

Chief Hooper suggested perhaps we could look at a trailer for the shooting range at the same time.

Other Comments

Commissioner Ring stated that Alfred selectmen she has talked to are supportive. The biggest concern they have is that we abide by EPA land rules.

Chief Hooper communicated with Sanford High school and was told they were too busy to build a stick-built training building.

Interim Sanford Fire Chief Rick Smith said he spoke with the Director and he said whatever we need, they can do so we can meet with them.

9. 10:00 a.m.-Senator King arrives for a briefing from this committee and the Recovery Center Committee
10. Next meeting date- The Committee decided to meet on Friday, April 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.