

Responsible Parties Meeting: for Theme 3; Agency Cooperation
Dec. 3, 2008

15 members of the group were present.

We started the meeting with an overview of the Nov.5th meeting for any new members and the priorities that we had chosen.

Discussion was heard on our first choice (Break down barriers with other law enforcement agencies) and the decision was to continue to monitor the progress the new Sheriff makes. Not just with Lima but with all the other agencies in Allen County.

Hoping that this is done we decided to move to our third priority (Study & consider law enforcement county consolidation). Discussion was on consolidation; are we talking one consolidated police dept or improving relations and communication, breaking down barriers and duplication of services.

We would like more information on how Coshocton County does their County Policing.

Improving relation: the fire chiefs association is already doing this, creating agreements, to change the function of their departments. Maybe we could use them as a model.

Discussion on communication: looking at central dispatch, the Marcs radio system and one set of language/codes for all departments.

1. Marcs radios will help with all agencies being able to talk with each other on one frequency.
2. Central dispatch would help with getting services to areas faster. It would also benefit some areas economically, by not having their own dispatchers. The Patrol has started this and all of Northwest Ohio will be covered with 2 ½ dispatch centers.
3. One set of language/codes for all departments would help make everything uniform and easier for dispatchers.

Breaking down Barriers: Questions about contracting services with the Sheriff Department. Could it benefit the townships if they could do it like Bath Twp. Would there be away to use the twp officers in the Sheriff Department?

Questions: We would like more information about Coshocton County Policing.
We would like more information on contracting services. (Bath Twp)
What are the negatives, besides losing your own identities?

Action Steps: 1. Start the process towards Central Dispatching.
2. All policing entities use the same codes or language that would be adopted from the chiefs association.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JAN.21ST, 2009 AT 3:30
LOCATION: ALLEN COUNTY JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICES

