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Date: September 22, 2021

To: City Council and Mayor Shubert
CC: Jane Howington, City Manager; Jeff Knoblauch, Asst City Manager;
Matthew Vazzana, City Solicitor

From: Perry Tabak, Chief of Police

Reference: Dispatch Contracts for Valley Fire District and Peninsula Police Department

There are two (2) resolutions that I am seeking approval on that involve Hudson providing dispatch services for both the Valley Fire District and Peninsula Police Department. These will both be on the consent agenda for 09/28/2021. These contracts have been approved by the appropriate parties for both agencies and approval on our end will allow these agencies to give written notice to their current contracted dispatch center.

The Hudson Dispatch Center was recently updated during a multi year project. During this project we also started to build partnerships with other agencies in our area, including the virtual dispatch/rollover 911 service with Bath Township (19-165). These contracts will help establish new partnerships, enhance existing ones and keep us in a good position for future needs and changes.

The Peninsula Police Department and Valley Fire District currently provide mutual aid to Hudsons Safety Forces. In fact, Valley Fire District responding to mutual aid requests 45 times in 2020. Having them dispatched through our center would eliminate some potential communications and response problems during mutual aide or large scale incidents. In speaking with Fire Chief Varnes, he described Valley Fire as our number one mutual aid agency and added that they are a fantastic department to work with. Providing dispatch services will only enhance the relationship. Peninsual Police Department often works extra jobs and assists Hudson by providing additional staff for large city events including the most recent Celebrate Hudson event and parade.

Dispatch has historically performed some clerical duties for the Police Department. In looking at the future of our agency including both PD and Dispatch, we have started to shift some of our growing clerical duties over to our dispatch center. This was done to more evenly spread some of the growing work load across a larger group of employees. I have requested and budgeted for an additional full time dispatcher in 2022.

These contracts would also have an added benefit of offsetting some of the costs associated with this new position. This additional full time position will also allow us to staff two dispatchers on duty more frequently which is an industry best practice and was adopted by ESINet(Ohio Satewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network) Steering Committee.

<https://911.ohio.gov/ESINet>

I would respectfully request that City Council approve both of these contracts and would be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

Thank you,



Chief Perry Tabak