

**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**November 4, 2013  
4.00 P.M.**

**CONFERENCE ROOM D - COUNTY SQUARE**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Liz Seman  
Vice Chairman Xanthe Norris  
Councilor Joe Baldwin  
Councilor Dan Rawls

**COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Councilor Lottie Gibson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey D. Wile, Assistant County Attorney  
James Dorriety, Assistant County Administrator  
Helen E. Wood, Clerk to Public Safety Committee  
Debbie Templeton, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jennings Autrey, Sergeant, Greenville County Sheriff's Office  
Damon Hubber, Director, Office of Emergency Management)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Liz Seman  
Chairman

**INVOCATION:**

Liz Seman  
Chairman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dan Rawls moved to approve the minutes of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services' meeting of September 23, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

**MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE PICKENS COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA) SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE GREENVILLE COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA) SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**ACTION:** Councilor Dan Rawls moved to forward the Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement by and between the Pickens County (South Carolina) Sheriff's Office, and the Greenville County (South Carolina) Sheriff's Office to full Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

**CodeRED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

Director Damon Hubber of the Office of Emergency Management presented an overview of the **CodeRED** Emergency Alert System which is structured to alert citizens of Greenville County as well as surrounding counties to imminent emergencies relating to weather conditions, child alerts, environmental safety concerns, etc. This new **CodeRED** alert system can call, text message or email you when there is an emergency nearby – from a manhunt going on in your area to a sewer spill in a nearby waterway. Greenville County's Office of Emergency Management is licensed with the **CodeRED** organization and is therefore allowed control over alerts and their disseminations. At present, launch codes are held by Dispatch, the Swat Commander and the Director of the Office of Emergency Management. **CodeRED** is enabled with a mapping system which allows dissemination of alerts only to citizens affected within a requested specified area.

To date, approximately 190, 000 of Greenville County's ½ million population has registered for these alerts. The goal of the Office of Emergency Management is 250, 000. Citizens can sign up for the alerts by visiting the Office of Emergency Management and the Greenville County Sheriff's Office websites. If you do not have internet access, you can call the Office of Emergency Management.

Funding for the alert system in the amount of \$30,000.00 is being funded from the Hazardous Chemical Companies Fund. There are no subsidies from Greenville County taxes utilized. The alert system not only keeps the citizens informed, but also has the potential of future savings of \$12,000 by the elimination of Greenville County Government pagers.

Greenville County is the third in the Upstate to implement the **CodeRED** system within the past few months. Spartanburg and Pickens Counties made the switch this summer.

For a continued public relations push the Committee suggested that the County Governmental Affairs Coordinator, Bob Mihalic be contacted for additional media support.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Vice Chairman Xanthene Norris moved to adjourn the meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debbie Templeton, Administrative Assistant