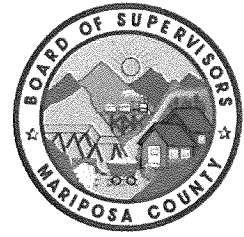


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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-641

MEETING: November 23, 2021
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeremy Briese, Sheriff
RE: Authorization to Join POST Public Safety Dispatcher Program

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Dispatchers of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office to join the California Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) Public Safety Dispatcher Program.

The purpose for joining the POST Public Safety Dispatch Program is to provide the dispatchers with more training and oversight by POST to ensure the most relevant training is being provided.

If resolution is adopted, the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center will adhere to the required selection and training standards and other Commission requirements specified for Public Safety Dispatchers as stated in Section 13510(c), Chapter 1, of Title 4, part 4 of the California Penal Code, Section 13512, Chapter 1, of the California Penal Code and Section 13522, Chapter 1, of the California Penal Code (see attachments).

The dispatch center of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office is the initial point of contact for nearly every call taken for emergency services within the county of Mariposa. By participating and adhering to the training standards and policies of POST our local dispatch center will adopt the state and national standards and accepted best practices.

There are currently 7 dispatchers whose POST certification would be valid through January 1st 2023

As societal and technological changes occur Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center will have access to updated education to meet these new challenges.

POST provides numerous learning and resource opportunities for those who train and peer supervise new dispatchers. Please see attached schedule of dispatch certification courses.

It is common practice for the dispatch centers for Law Enforcement agencies to be active participants in the Public Safety Dispatcher program within POST.

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual Administered through Lexipol stipulates in policy 101.1 that "The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) has mandated that all sworn officers and dispatchers employed within the State of California shall receive certification by POST within prescribed time periods", (see attached).

The citizens of Mariposa and those traveling through it deserve the highest standard of service and the Dispatchers of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office want to take every opportunity to provide said service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Minimal costs anticipated. All current costs for classes, per diem, lodging, and travel have been suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions on in person training and implemented as on-line education and training. POST training is historically reimbursable by POST.

As a Law Enforcement Dispatch Center that already has Law Enforcement Deputies participating in the program, all dispatch training that is reimbursable by POST would automatically qualify. If the Board finds it acceptable for Dispatchers to join POST, a letter of request to participate and a request to receive reimbursement will be submitted to the POST Commission as training take place.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors resolved that the Sheriff's Deputies join POST in August 1970 and have maintained POST certifications since that time.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher's current training and procedures would remain antiquated and outdated.

ATTACHMENTS:

13510 PC (PDF)

13512 PC (PDF)

13522 PC (PDF)

lexipol policy 101.1 (PDF)

Dispatcher Course Samples (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Wayne Forsythe, Miles Menetrey

EXCUSED: Tom Sweeney