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FAYETTE COUNTY BOASTS STATE-OF-THE-ART 9-1-1 SYSTEM

Uniontown, PA – As part of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency’s multi-year initiative to implement a sustainable and reliable 9-1-1 system, Fayette County continues to improve its emergency response efforts.

A recently-awarded \$286,258.50 PEMA grant will allow county officials to increase its statewide interconnectivity through the WestCore Upgrade and Maintenance Project.

“This grant will help us maintain our state-of-the-art 9-1-1 system,” Fayette County Commissioner Chairman Vince Vicites said. “Anytime we can get state funding for these types of projects, it saves local tax dollars.”

Gov. Tom Wolf and state legislators took proactive measures to increase counties’ 9-1-1 capabilities by passing Act 12 of 2015 and implementing the “Next Generation 9-1-1” program.

Funding for grants distributed through the program is based entirely on annual availability, making coordinated improvement efforts between counties extremely important for such purposes as budgeting, governance, planning, allocating funds and oversight.

Those efforts are something Fayette County has been a key part of time and time again, as grants are awarded based on a strict selection process with many requirements.

Moving forward, county commissioners will work with PEMA Deputy Director Jeffrey Boyle in Harrisburg to comply with all terms of the grant usage process.

Funding will be used toward a combination of salaries and benefits for 9-1-1 personnel; training courses and associated travel costs; pre-employment recruitment, hiring and screening processes; annual costs for professional associations; call processing equipment hardware, software and workstation upgrades and purchases; annual equipment maintenance service contracts; operator headphone purchases and plug-ins; call accounting and telephone management information system software purchases and upgrades for monitoring call activity and reports; interpretation services procured from annual vendors; master clock and time sync equipment; computer aided dispatch hardware, software, maintenance and quality assurance; mobile data system interfaces; records management systems; emergency services IP network connectivity, infrastructure and maintenance; geographic information system mapping; mass notification systems; office operations; public education; radio systems; voice and data recording; additional facilities costs and more.

For more information, contact Boyle at jeffboyle@pa.gov or visit www.pema.pa.gov.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit www.FayetteCountyPA.org.

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