



## *Morgantown Police Department*

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### **Bomb Threats Made to Local Businesses**

On Wednesday June 11, 2014 officers from the Morgantown Police Department responded to a bomb threat at the Dollar General located at 228 High Street. Employees of the Dollar General stated that a male subject had phoned the store and threatened to “set off” a bomb that had been planted inside the store if the employee did not activate a prepaid debit card.

The Morgantown Police Department responded to a similar threat phoned in to the CVS on Earl L. Core Road on Monday June 9, 2014.

During both incidents in Morgantown the phone number showed up on caller I.D. with a 214 (Dallas, TX) area code and the suspect was a male that spoke with a Middle Eastern accent. During both incidents officers thoroughly searched the premises and no devices were located.

Further investigation into the phone number used to make the threats revealed that the number was assigned by a VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) service and that the calls likely originated from overseas.

There have been numerous incidents similar to these nationwide recently and several in West Virginia this week alone. No explosive devices have been located during any of these incidents.

If any businesses receive any similar threats they are encouraged to contact the Morgantown Police Department or their local law enforcement agency.

Authority – Sergeant P.J. Scott

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a “Partner in Policing” by reporting suspected criminal activity to the Morgantown Police Department at (304) 284-7522. Call 911 if you need immediate police attention or a crime is in progress.

# **MORGANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN PERSONNEL - GOALS: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2020.**

## **GOAL 1**

By July 1, 2020 the department will tactically outfit all Operations Officers

### **Objectives:**

- (1) By July 1, 2014 the department will identify overhead weapon storage mounts to secure shotguns and rifles in the patrol vehicles.
- (2) Beginning with Fiscal Year 2014/2015, the department will equip new patrol vehicles with Weapons Mounting Systems.
- (3) By July 1, 2014 the department will acquire and deploy replacement Tazer units.
- (4) By December 1, 2014 the department will acquire and re-supply crowd control equipment. (Composite Batons / O/C Fogger/37 mm projectile launcher)
- (5) By July 1, 2015 the department will have fully outfitted officers with Personal Protective Riot equipment. (Gloves, Elbow Pads, Knee Pads, Chest Protectors)
- (6) By July 1, 2015 the department will establish a replacement cycle for Personal Protective Equipment (Gas Mask Filters, unserviceable/worn items)

## **Goal 2**

By July 1, 2020 the department will begin to grow the personnel to meet immediate and known future staffing needs.

### **Objectives:**

- (1) By July 1, 2015 the primary positions will be included as part of the personnel budget and appropriate candidates employed. (Civilian Staff Services Supervisor / Civilian Training Coordinator)
- (2) By July 1, 2015 Transition Part Time Tele-communicator to Full Time T/C Position
- (3) July 1, 2014 Re-Classify Detectives Secretary to Administrative Assistant
- (4) July 1, 2016 Re-Classify Records Clerks/T/C from Accounting Techs to Appropriate Job Classification
- (5) By July 1, 2017 begin the transition to a Civilian Staff Services Position returning one sworn Officer to the Patrol Division.

# **MORGANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITIES - GOALS: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2020.**

## **Goal 1**

By July 1, 2017 the Department will have an upgraded and comprehensive building security system installed

### **Objectives**

- (1) By June 30, 2014, the Department will have reviewed and recommended a building access control system with the City I.T. Department.
- (2) By June 30, 2014, the Department will have reviewed and recommended a closed circuit security system with the City IT Department
- (3) By June 30, 2016, the Department and City I.T. Department will have an integrated security system installed at 300 Spruce Street
- (4) By June 30, 2015, the Department and City I.T. Department will have reviewed and recommended a telephone recording system
- (5) By June 30, 2016, the Department and City I.T. Department will have budgeted and assessed the installation of a telephone recording system.
- (6) By June 30, 2017, the Department will have a fully functional, upgradeable security, surveillance and telephone recording system installed.

## **Goal 2**

By July 1, 2017 the Department will have a comprehensive interactive computer system

- (1) By July 1, 2014 the Department will work with the city I.T. Department to establish a means of replacing all computers and technology within the Police Department in a manner similar to Fleet Maintenance
- (2) By December 1, 2015 the Department, working with the City I.T. Department will create an "Intranet" web page, accessible by all department personnel where information, such as Policy and Procedure are readily accessible
- (3) By December 1, 2016 the Department will introduce a completely interactive Records Management System
- (4) By July 1, 2017 the Department will replace all laptop computers with Touch screen computers directly connected to the Department via Air Cards and VPN or secured Wi-Fi connections (Encrypted).
- (5) By July 1, 2017 the Department will have in place a MDC replacement schedule.

## **MORGANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITIES - GOALS: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2020.**

### **Goal 3**

By July 1, 2020 the Department will have a secure storage facility capable of providing safekeeping for all of the Special Services Special Equipment.

#### **Objectives**

- (1) By July 1, 2014 the Department will complete a spatial needs assessment.
- (2) By June 30, 2015, the Department will identify potential physical locations to City Management.
- (3) By July 1, 2016, the Department will present a funding needs assessment to the Finance Department in conjunction with the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- (4) By July 1, 2018, Construction will begin on an appropriate storage facility.
- (5) By July 1, 2019, the Storage facility will be in use.

### **Goal 4**

By July 1, 2018 the Department will be refitted and repurposed with appropriate furnishings and equipment.

#### **Objectives**

- (1) December 1, 2014, a plan to upgrade locker rooms to include replacement of lockers will be presented and prepared as part of the 2015 budget process.
- (2) By July 1, 2015, the locker room upgrade will be initiated.
- (3) By December 2015, comprehensive upgrades to the locker rooms will be complete.
- (4) By July 1, 2015, the Department will work with Public Works developing a plan for the cleaning/ replacement of carpeting throughout the station.
- (5) By July 1, 2015, the Department will develop a list of all furnishings that need to be replaced and/or repaired.
- (6) By January 1, 2016, the Department will prepare a purchasing plan with the Finance Department for the purchase of necessary furnishings.
- (7) By July 1, 2018 the Department will have in place a systematic inspection and replacement system ensuring that the facilities will be maintained and upgraded in a regimented manner.

**MORGANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN  
FLEET AND OTHER - GOALS: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2020.**

**GOAL 1.**

By July 1, 2016 the department will acquire a safe and cost effective means of rotating and maintaining fleet vehicles

**Objectives:**

- (1) By June 30, 2015, the Department, working with Public Works and the City Garage will have fully implemented the plan to rotate and maintain all vehicles.
- (2) By June 30, 2016 the Department will have fully implemented and with the approval of the city, begin to increase the fleet as necessary to support the continued growth of the City.
- (3) The continued replacement of 2WD vehicles with 4WD or AWD will continue until the entire fleet has been upgraded.

**GOAL 2.**

By July 1, 2016 the department will acquire a safe and cost effective means of establishing off-site records storage

**Objectives:**

- (1) By December 30, 2014, The Department will have researched and presented to the Staff of the Police Department potential methods or efficient records storage.
- (2) By December 1, 2015, the Records Department working with Staff Services and Investigations will develop a proposal necessary for records storage.
- (3) By June 30, 2015, the Department will build into the budgeting formula the cost of the records storage project.
- (4) By July 1, 2016, the Department will be utilizing the most efficient methods of records storage.

# MORGANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN SERVICES - GOALS: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2020.

## **Goal 1**

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~~By December 1, 2015, the department will have an Internet Community List Server which will allow the department to provide specific groups (i.e. Community Watch groups, etc.) with up to the minute e-mails relating to crime in their area.~~

### **Objectives**

- ~~(1) By June 30, 2015 The department will identify what kind of information that may be appropriate for distribution via the server. The City Information Technology/Public Information Section will have a list server system set up for all Neighborhood Association Groups within the City of Morgantown. The purpose will be for the citizens and officers to share information about events and crimes occurring in their neighborhoods.~~
- ~~(2) By December 1, 2015 The Public Information Officer will publicize the new list serve and it will be fully operational.~~

## **Goal 2**

By December 1, 2016 the Department will institute a Citizen Volunteer Plan with working citizen volunteers.

### **Objectives**

- (1) By December 1, 2014 – the Department will outline and approve a plan for a Citizen's Police Academy
- (2) By July 1, 2015 the Department will advertise and screen applicants for a citizens police academy
- (3) By December 1, 2015 the Department will graduate a Citizen Police Academy and screen potential volunteers from the graduating class
- (4) By December 1, 2016 the Department will institute a volunteer program

**MORGANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN  
TRAINING - GOALS: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2020.**

**GOAL 1.**

By June 30, 2016, all sworn and non-sworn personnel of the Morgantown Police Department will have customized training and career development plans.

**Objectives:**

- (1) By June 30, 2014 - The Department will institute training critique questionnaires to use as a basis for future training. The Staff will have in-place training and career development plans for all sworn personnel.
- (2) By June 30, 2015 - The Training Coordinator will develop a career track outline for all personnel (sworn & Civilian) with annual review.

**GOAL 2.**

By August 1, 2018 The Morgantown Police Department will have a computer based interactive Firearms Training System in place and operational, thus reducing the amount of needed live ammunition and afford the department the opportunity to increase officer firearm accuracy at a fraction of the cost.

**Objectives:**

- (1) By June 30, 2016 - The Training Coordinator will complete the necessary documents to secure funding for this item, as well as research alternate funding sources.
- (2) By June 30, 2017 - The Department will purchase the equipment, identify and train needed instructors.
- (3) By June 30, 2018 - The system will be online and operational. This system will be used in the training of all Officers.