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Commissioners to Hire Director of Public Safety

Bradford County will be creating a Director of Public Safety position. The implementation and creation of this new position is necessary to unify and improve the coordination of both the 911 center and emergency management operations. The Bradford County Commissioners have been working with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) in creating this new position. As Commissioners we will be consulting with PEMA and the county's paid consultant in the hiring of the new official and the restructure of Bradford County's 911 and emergency management services.

The salary will be reimbursed from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency at 50% with the county matching 50%. Starting salary will be grade 27, step I, or \$51,001.60 plus benefits. This position will be advertised this year but will not be implemented or budgeted for until the 2010 county budget. Bradford County will be working towards a management restructure that ensures that this change will be at a minimal cost to the taxpayers. As Commissioners we believe that this move will enhance the quality and customer service of county emergency services for the future of our county.