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Dickinson County Courthouse Grand Opening: The Courthouse Grand Opening is scheduled for Flag Day, June 14, 2009. The celebration will begin with a fly-over at 1:00 p.m. with a formal ceremony to follow. The Supervisors are working on speakers, music, food, set up, ribbon cutting, PR, invitations and announcements. Tours of the courthouse are planned from 1:30 to 3:00. *Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the tours and/or to help in the Community Room, please contact Mardi Allen.* Plans, right now, include cookies, coffee and ice tea to be available in the Community Room after the 1:00 p.m. ceremony. Pictures of the courthouse construction will be displayed throughout the Boardroom

and a rolling power point will be shown on the screen behind the Supervisors' desks and on each of the TV screens. At 3:00, the tours and food will end and the Cornerstone ceremony will take place at the tower in the Veterans' Plaza. More information will be provided as plans are firmed up.

Safety Program Update provided by **Beth Will:** A New program will begin May 1, 2009, for all county employees called Company Nurse. This is a new program from IMWCA for a hotline for workplace injuries. This program will offer first day of injury, nurse triage services through Company Nurse on call. When a workplace injury occurs, the supervisor will provide the employee with a copy of the panel of physicians and the supervisor and the injured employee will immediately call company nurse directly. The attending nurse will provide the employee with first aid/self care advice and jointly, with the injured worker determine whether additional medical services are required or requested by the employee. Company Nurse will handle all initial reporting of workplace injuries.

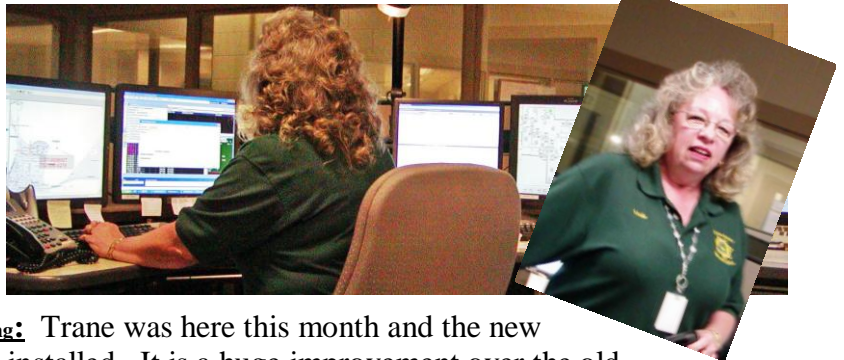
Here is how it works - If an injury occurs and it is not a medical emergency, the supervisor and the employee will telephone the Company Nurse at 1-877-740-5017 and speak with a medical professional who will assist the employee with their medical needs and expedite the claims processing. In case of Life or Limb threatening emergency dial 911. The medical professional will talk to the manager first and then to the employee to assist in determining what kind of treatment, if any, is necessary for the employee.

The Company Nurse hotline is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

More training and information regarding this program will be available at the April mandatory training. Training dates will be Monday, April 27, 2009 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. and Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 9:00-11:00am.

35 Years of Dispatching provided by **Mike Ehret:**

Linda Gano was one of only two to receive an award for 35 years of dispatching. The award was given by the Association for Public Safety Communications Officials at their spring conference this March in Des Moines. APCO recognizes those who have been a dispatcher for 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. Thank you Linda for all your years of service!



IT&GIS update provided by **Alissa Julius & Amy Schmeling:** Trane was here this month and the new version of the Tracer Summit software has been installed. It is a huge improvement over the old software and navigation is much easier as well as very good visuals of the system.

Last month Alissa reported that there was a large amount of bandwidth being used which was causing delays on the County network. With the changes that Alissa made to the firewall the bandwidth usage has gone down nearly 12 percent and she has heard from various offices that they felt their programs were running faster.

Work on the website continues. Alissa is working with the Trails to create a site in which they can accept donations as well as registrations for their upcoming events.

Amy reports that numerous maps have been created which are now on the county website. Currently, they include City Maps, Parks and Voting districts. Additional maps can be added at your request.

Mike Ehret reports the weather radio has been installed. A few tests have been done to see if it is working properly but more extensive tests will be done over the next weeks to verify that it is setup with the proper alerts. Please understand how important these tests are! You will not know until the REAL thing happens! This writer knows through pure experience!