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September Advisory Board Notes 09-15-2011

Beau Crowding:

Training Facility: There was an early September Pre-Bid meeting for the academic building. Thanks to Downingtown Borough for the donation of two tanks to be used for props. Bids are due back by the end of September.

Rebanding: Training has started on the new radios. There have been some growing pains over the portable replacement and Sprint wants all the equipment back. Inventory control will be very important during the radio swaps. [Blue Wing Services](#) are conducting the station trainings. Very good feedback has been received about the training process. They will teach you how to use your radio! It is very important during your company's training that as many members participate and to bring all the current portables with you for the training and swap out. The training/installation process is planned to go as this: A geographic area of the county (i.e. The Mainline) will participate in the radio training at a specified training location. Each night will feature a new company receiving training and going through the portable radio swap out. After that geographic area's stations receive their training the installation of mobile radios and vehicle chargers will begin for the stations that just received training. Once all training and installation is complete for a given area, another geographic area of the county will begin radio training. Companies picked for training may not match up with the county chief zones or local associations.

New Paging System- Bids are back and a vendor was picked for the infrastructure phase of the new paging system.

New Radio System: RFP Bidders were in for a walk through of current system and infrastructure.

SERFTF: 2010 Funding options present at the last meeting remain the same.

- (2) IST members were sent up to Luzerne County during the flooding to relieve/support MontCo IST members.
- There was good communication from the EOC and First Responders during the passing of Hurricane Irene.

Districts:

North- Met on 9/14/2011. The group decided to table the Safety Officer Taskforce for now. Brian went over the instructions that Ray Stackhouse sent out about Rebanding training and participation.

South- No Report

East- Lots of confusion over the radio training and swap out. Were being told different things.

West- Meet in October, Took care of the radio issue.

Central- Haven't Met.

Fire Police Assoc- Meeting on Sept 11 at Ridge Fire Co. There was some confusion on how a TSB was dispatched. It is being looked into on how to improve the process.

Jack Law: Numbering Committee

- The Foam Trailer station at West Whiteland was approved to be called Foam 6.

Old Business:

A By-Law change was presented to match up policies with what the By-Laws state. Definitions changes were proposed under for countywide operations voting (1 vote per department).

-Participation of 5 of the past 12 General or Advisory Board meetings for members to keep active status.

The issue of blocking federal funding by the CCFCFA was looked into. It was determined that only the federal or county government can hold back funding to organizations not in good standing. CCFCFA can choose to revoke privileges pertaining to decisions on what to fund or purchase by companies that do not meet the proposed active participation policy.

New Business: None

Next CCFCFA meeting at Thorndale on October 6th.