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November Advisory Board Notes 3-21-2013

DES Report: Beau Crowding

- Rebanding: Installs moving along. Need to let DES know if there is an issue. If you need rack chargers let DES or Blue Wing know.
- New Radio System: Face to Face meeting scheduled for 3-26-2013 at the training center. DES is looking forward to a lot of participations from the groups. Still working on the new tower sites, thanks to the chiefs for their support.
- New Paging System: Doing testing this week, getting good responses from the West Chester and Lionville areas. If your area is experiencing an issue, please enter into Enterprise Wizard. County did receive a bad batch of batteries. If you have one contact Bobby Lee to get it exchanged. Have now received pagers from every station. Will be sending out invoices for missing pagers.
- Training Facility: 2 Months behind due to weather.
- FH Software training is this Saturday 3/23. Only 4-5 people signed up, class will go on as planned.
- Administrative Training for Exec. Board May 11, 18, and a Saturday in June. Put on by Harrisburg Area Community College.

Districts:

North- Will work towards a proper attendance at the State Parade in West Chester in September, We welcomed VP Neil Vaughn to the meeting. We purchased a new State of the Art Safety Trailer though a Grant from the Limerick Fire Company and Loan from the PCHF. Expected delivery is June 2013 and the existing trailer is for sale and will be advertised shortly with Fireline Apparatus. Belfor donated a \$1000 for 2013 and \$1000 for 2014 to off-set some costs. Advertising space will be provided for on the trailer provide additional revenue. The North also agreed to work with Limerick and their remaining grant money for Smoke Detectors; 35 per station at \$.90 each, 500,000 coloring books, individually addressable, for \$.16 each. Companies will be using their Mini-Grants (\$500) to purchase these products. North discussed the EMS numbering matter and agreed with the re-use of the 80 Series for those independent EMS organizations, i.e: MICU 83, MICU 84, MICU 85, etc. We have informed our normal group of officials to support and attend the County-wide function. We will have one next year and it will be in May. Phoenixville Borough has selected Trappe Ambulance as its provider for the next 3 years. Valley Forge, Kimberton and Ridge will still be serviced by West End in their respective areas.

South- Nothing to Report

East- Nothing.

West- Todd Ziegler wanted to thank their neighboring companies for all the support they have shown for one of Wagontown's members.

Central- Nothing

Fire Police- High Safety Course in June, getting good response..

EMS Council- Out of county EMS numbers 83, 84, and 85 have been approved for Spring City, Norco and Phoenixville EMS services. In the process of getting radios and pagers issued to the EMS providers. Cutover date has not been released yet.

Old Business:

- Apparatus Numbering:
 - o EMS number for in county agencies stationed at other stations. A discussion was had about if the EMS unit is at different station it would be assigned that stations number and assigned to those quarters in CAD. Other option would be to treat them as sub stations and give them a 100 series number. EMS Council to come up with a proposal and provide to the Chiefs Association by next month.
- Elected Officials Meeting planning is progressing
- Bylaw update to reaffirm that Chester County Fire Board will have a Rep as it has always in the past and to add the DES Rep to the Advisory Board.
 - o Beau asked how the Fire Board rep is chosen and what if DES does not want a fire board Rep? Ray said it would need to be worked out internally at DES for who is to be the Rep and presented to the AB like the rest of the districts. If DES does not want fire board position it would be presented to the AB for discussion and vote.
- Ken Hurley will be heading up the Technical Committee for the CCFCA.
 - o All districts now have reps for the committee.

New Business:

- Ray and Neil met with DES to discuss 2013 Goals
 - o Discussed some communication breakdowns from the past .
 - o Ray is now sitting in on the Strategic Plan meetings.
 - o Ray also attended the Strategic National Stockpile meeting and learned of procedures in place to distribute medication to first responders and their families during disaster or terrorist attacks.

Next CCFCA meeting will be at PSTC on April 4th 2013, there will be a short training on dealing with Solar Panels incidents.