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## **February Advisory Board Notes 02/16/2017.**

### **DES Report:**

- DES is still working on station prints and the ability to reprint past events. Looking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017
- The SMU "No Ack" on the display was due to the increased data transactions over the system. They have increased the EAST/CENTRAL part of the system to use 3 concurrent data channels.
  - o If you still get a "No Ack" displayed on the screen try again or go by voice.
- SMU Alerting on non attached units and station print layout revisions going in for a CAD change order and expected around the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2017.
- Knox Box: The County is looking to Phase out the DTMF Knox boxes. These units are currently End of Life by Knox and we need to start letting the stations know to plan on using an alternative method as we head into the future. Beau suggested bringing in Knox to a meeting to let them show what new products they have out.
- Run Card Changes are set to begin on February 24<sup>th</sup>
  - o DES is planning on posting boxes and a form to the Chief's Site
  - o Submit your station's changes and then schedule a time with Justin to review
  - o Quick changes will be done first, followed by any extensive map changes with new boxes.
- Looking to bring the out of county stations that have first due within the county onboard the new radio system so to help alleviate the delay between the counties.
- MPS Update went out, please make sure you update your MDCs.
- Annual Chief Update went well.
- The new training calendar is out
- SR-6 is looking to bring funding back to the Community Colleges that provide training. Beaus said they are working to get them to include the County training centers.
- Voice Radio:
  - o The County is looking at the possibility of adding more data channels to the radio system or alleviating the amount of polling they system does with the PD GPS antennas.
    - Beau asked the responders to please bear with the County as they work to get the this worked out.
  - o Still working on Montco and the interoperability. They need to bring their new system online first and buy more licensing to add the Chester County radios on.

- PTSC: Still a mess from construction. Working on the additional parking, please bear with it for the time being.
- Station Reporting: Mike Grover
  - o Looking to filter out more of the EMS only runs on the fire reports
  - o Looking to start doing more Municipal reports and work with the types of graphs that are being displayed
  - o EMS Reports for Fire Agencies with no EMS in station will be handled as an Agency Specific request.

### **Districts:**

North- Meet Next Month. Stations looking for additional in station training for the MDCs. Beau said to contact Brenda Storti to get that scheduled. The lack of attendance by the northern stations at the Association Meetings was mentioned by the Executive Board.

South- Denis Bison was back as a Rep.

East- Nothing

West- There was concern with the 1-89 and 89 covers for second call. They believe that AVL would be designating a closer unit than 89 for certain locations in the first due. The current setup is by Municipal Resolution.

Central- Going to be Meeting

Fire Police- Basic FP class is coming up, Meeting in March.

EMS Council- Not Present. Concerns were expressed about not having a regular rep from the EMS council at the Advisory Board meetings. Neil said that Steve Noose has volunteered to be the new EMS rep to the AB.

### **Old Business:**

- RIT Compliance:
  - o Berwyn supplied their reports for all the RIT Responses and they met the staffing levels required and the original complaint was left as unfounded.
  - o The question was proposed does the AB want to keep the RIT requirement on the initial dispatches. Talk to your districts and bring back for March's meeting to discuss.
- Recruitment and Retention
  - o With the threat of SAFER Funding being cut in 2018 it was decided to try and go for the 2017 SAFER grant. \$400K was requested for marketing.

### **New Business:**

- Please send you district meeting schedule for 2017 into Neil. They are going to try and make it out to some meetings this year.
- Looking to revisit the relocate policy in 2017

- 2017 Committees will be announced in March
- County had a meeting with PECO recently
  - No Gas Emergencies are to be submitted through MPS CAD
    - They have a dedicated dispatcher for GAS Emergencies. Have the county call PECO to report a GAS Investigation
  - Main Arteries (Rt 422, Rt 202, Rt 100, Rt 30, etc) that are closed get priority if stated that the road is closed.
  - Priority 1 Responses always require a backup phone call by the County to PECO
  - Currently working on the ability to update the incident through CAD
  - Looking to setup another meeting and tour of their operations center in the Summer.
- CCATO
  - They like the marketing ideas
  - Pass on anything that they can put in the their local newsletters and social media pages
  - Work to get all municipalities to adopt the property tax credit
  - Looking at doing the Spring 2018 conference as the PSTC.
- GEOTermal Class will be held prior to the March CCFCA Meeting.