



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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April Advisory Board Notes 04/02/2020.

DES Report:

- 911 centers remaining operational and staffed. EOCs are continuing to work M-F during the daytime. Working to get PPE in. DES is there for you. If you are having trouble getting supplies and PPE reach out to BJ.
- Public Safety Leadership site. Still need participation from the North. List going to Gerry of which stations still need to sign up. Very good information sharing across.
- First responder test site – if you are showing symptoms at home, contact BJ. He can prioritize your testing from the health care facility. No mass testing site
- National Volunteer Fire Council if offering some assistance for volunteers FF that may be losing pay or their jobs. Short application on their page
- CARES act and Payroll Protection Act is available to fire companies as a non-profit.
- Strategic Plan deadlines have been pushed back until May for additional participation for municipal, fire company questionnaires and fire/EMS responder surveys.

Districts:

- North – Met on the 11th with the elected officials.
- South – Haven't met. Were discussing the RIT companies
- East – Discussing about odor investigation inside/ vs Smoke in the building (full building response)
- West – Asked if the RIT changes have gone in yet. Justin said no he needs the final list
- Central – Same as west
- EMS – working with DES and Fire Chiefs on the COVID response and preparedness. Work with your local EMS agencies. Fire OIC should make contact with EMS crew and staging until needs are evaluated. Never go into a scene without proper PPE.
- FP – Fire Police picnic cancelled.
- Rescue TF: None

Old Business:

Staffed/Duty Engine Regional Policies:

- East is working through it. Thinking about splitting into two zones to maintain geographic areas
- North – will be drafting a policy, but don't see a reason for Duty engine. Staffed apparatus policy to be drafted
- South – Staffed engine policy is out and they are using it. Duty engine doesn't look to have interest.
- West – No objection or input for Bypass for ambulance. Do not see the Staffed/Duty engine working for them and they are on everyone's boxes anyway
- Central – Meeting was cancelled. No input

Rescue truck qualification drafted by AJ

- Looked at NCC, Montco and Lancaster along with DOH rescue criteria for a rescue truck
- Focused on vehicle extrication, need to add on some rope
- If a different piece of apparatus meets the criteria it can fulfill the rescue requirement
- Justin (DES) said we can start to use the rescue tool requirement for Engines that just have a rescue tool, but not a Rescue equivalency. A station can say that an engine with a rescue tool on it is acceptable to them.
- Justin is going to get a list of apparatus that has the rescue equivalency currently

New Business:

- Golf Outing is being pushed to a new date