



# NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY**

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## **October Advisory Board Notes 10/01/2020.**

### **DES Report:**

- FM - 7 invest, 12 Notification, 113YTD. HazMAT - 9 response, 1 Notification. 25 YTD. Working on more in person trainings.
- Fire/EMS Strategic Plan - Wrap up meeting scheduled for 10/2
- Pulse Point Verified Responder - Email issues resolved
- Paging - Custom CAD integration still in progress.
- Ready Chesco will be the new tool used to disperse severe weather briefings
- Bypass Command - Harry and BJ at DES are comfortable with moving it forward. Should only be used for EMS agencies that have multiple units logged up to main licensure compliance. Bypass allows EMS units to go SANA status so they can staff Fire Apparatus
- Montco P25 radio system - Chester County supports Montco FD to have Chester County radio channels into the Montco radios. For Chester County stations to have Montco channels loaded into Chester County radios after December 2020. Will still need to use the patch for the time being. Phase 2 system upgrade stabilized.
- Cecil County - Got authorization to move forward with cross programming between counties
- Fire Prevention Week - Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen. Many stations doing Fire Prevention videos to present
- Energy Transfer Grant - Letter drafted to keep that moving
- Fire Training - Slowly opening back up. Website is updated with classes. BVR starting Oct 5th. Fire Officer starts Nov 14th, Strategic Planning workshop. Working through ideas for the HazMat Op refreshers. Instructors are not allowed to go onsite for trainings at this time.

### **Districts:**

- **West** - Discussed Strategic Plan. What's the Road Map. Question about Designation and number requests through numbering committee
- **North** - Went over Strategic Plan. SMU status issues brought up. Seems to be isolated to 62, Reached out to Devin. Andy Chambers presented about a training done about how to handle an autistic person on the scene.
- **East** - Haven't met since March. Concerned about addresses being posted on Social Media as Verified Responders. Remind your remembers that you shouldn't post addresses on the social media. Abusers will be removed and Agency leadership notified.
- **Central** - None
- **EMS** - The bus should be delivered Oct 16th. Looking for MCB 74 for designation. Tower Direct at Brandywine will handle the operation and maintenance. No issue from the Advisory Board. EMS thanks the CCFCA for the financial donation to Rehab 55.
- **FP** - Met in September and had nominations for elections in November. Oct 22nd at 10am Incident Management Task Force meeting virtually with presentation on Move Over Law.
- **Rescue Task Force** - One call for the paraglider search. Robe High Angle team did recent training at the PSTC. Will have a quarterly training plan coming out and full meeting in a month.

### **Old Business:**

- Strategic Plan Steering Committee - Will have reps from each discipline, DES, CATO. More information to come in October. There will be the need for subgroups and additional participants
  - DES working on some funding to help with the next step items. Project Management from the steering committee
- Recruitment and Retention to be wrapped up in November. Looking to maintain some social media presence.

### **New Business:**

- Issues with freelance photographers going to scenes and posting pictures very quickly. Running blue lights.
  - Gerry is going to reach out to the fire company about one known individual
- Mobile Gear Cleaning company - Can clean an entire set of gear in about 90mins for \$150-175 a set. Can do direct billing to insurance companies. Gerry will send the information out.