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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY**

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September Advisory Board Notes 09/01/2022.

DES Report:

- 12 Invest, 7 notifications, Hazmat 2 responses, 0 notifications for August. Frank Sullivan retired, Bob is acting Operations Chief.
- Locution: Hexagon work completed. Some code being adjusted. Tones to change for P25 compatibility.
- CAD – CAD updates coming out mid-month. Justin is still working on CAD items, but please be patient.
- MontCo – Limerick and Phoenixville are the two pilot groups with the cross programming. Montco is picking up the licensing fees to add Chester County radios to the system so we need to be mindful of that.
- 10-8 is an authorized installer now for the County in addition to Metropolitan. You will be able to specify in enterprize wizard which vendor you would like assigned.
- DES is doing an annual audit of the installation expenses and will be working to assign a set amount to different categories of work to help control costs of extras and custom installs and mounts.
- New Routers – 386 installs completed. Some Signal issues working with AT&T.
- 911 Ops – Requested to bring back Accident – Aircraft (Plane, helicopter, Hot Air Balloon) Does not include UAVs. Default response is RES, ENG, & ALS
 - Other Type Code Changes:
 - Accident – Structure – Accident with injuries, into a structure with possible entrapment.
 - Default Response – RES, ENG, ALS and Rescue Task Force
 - ALS Cardiac will now be ALS Heart – No change to response
 - Looking into changing Equestrian Accident to Injured Person ALS with Access Issues.
- Director of DES Search – 45 applications to review. Beau expects first of the year at the earliest.
- Deputy Director of 911 – County continues to interview
- Beau Crowding is retiring from DES after 31 years and will be taking a new leadership position at Belfor.

Districts:

- **North** – Meet September 14th at Phoenixville.
- **South** – N/A
- **East** – N/A
- **West** – N/A
- **Central** – Nothing to report
- **EMS** – Working through the effects of Medic 93 leaving central Chester County. Some stations are not using the Bypass Command properly. This could affect your licensure. Harry Moore is looking into it.
- **Fire Police** – Nothing to report.
- **RTF** – Nothing to report
- **FTF** – Looking at setting up a Support Response for Large Events. Talk with the districts if they have interest.

Old Business:

- Ops Committee: AJ went through verbally the proposed apparatus requirements to include aerial trucks different tiers of Rescues. Current and ordered apparatus is grandfathered in. Look out for the written version to be posted. Prepare to vote on it at October's Association Meeting.
- BYLaw Revisions – Reviewed in AB to make better accommodations for virtual meetings and participation. Received 10 signatures. To be voted on in October.
- Strategic Plan – Presenting at Fall CATO Event. Steering Committee looking to regroup in Fall.

New Business:

- Numbering Committee – working on a drone (UAV) designation
- Recruitment – Met after Summer Break to keep things moving
- CCFCA – October's Meeting at the PSTC, November's Meeting at Kennett and December at BELFOR.
- Automatic Rescue Taskforce for Agricultural Rescue Calls – a small discussion was had, and it was decided to not have the TF automatically dispatched.
 - Would be good to have a method to dispatch Heavy Wreckers and escort them to scenes when needed.
- Furnace Malfunction Call Type – North brought up about bringing back the Furnace Malfunction Call Type. Not other support from the districts. Justin brought up that based on how the information is received in he doesn't feel it would make a difference in reducing the Building Fire responses. Smoke inside from an unknown source is dispatched as a Building. Smoke or Fire from a Heater is dispatched as an Appliance.
- Possible grant money available through a program called BRIC. Working to get more information on it.