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March Advisory Board Notes 03/02/2023.

DES Report:

- 14 Invest, 10 notifications, Hazmat 1 responses, 11 notifications for February.
- DES Director- Bill Messerschmidt was present to Formally introduce himself.
- Mobile Data - working on remaining Routers. Justin clarified that the WiFi password did not change. You need to Forget the Network and reconnect. Devices can only handle up to 12 devices.
- Pulse Point Verified Responder – Android update went live. DES is working on a list of items for Pulse Point.
- Locution/Paging – Still working with Hexagon. VHF paging looks to be the direction DES will pursue. Looking at Homeland Funding to upgrade paging equipment.
- Training – MOU's needed from agencies looking to use the facilities. Needs to be updated every 2yrs.
- CAD Outage – Hexagon support instructed DES rep to delete a file when they were seeing disk issues on the server. That took down CAD around 3am Sunday. Radio room went to backup and paper. Did a great job and got all the incidents entered in when back up. DES needed to restore the database and repoint it to the servers. CAD brought back online at 4:55am on a Sunday Morning. WebCAD and PulsePoint came back online within 72hrs afterwards. Remember to use your pagers and that is the official mode that calls will be dispatched and supported.

Districts:

- **North** – Art of Reading Smoke class on April 22nd at OJR. Registration Form posted. CAD overview for March Meeting. Meet the 8th at Ridge.
South – Meet end of March.
- **East** – Survey put out about replacement of Emergency Reporting. Some stations looking at ESO. Working on first responder incentives with municipalities. 54 has a VRT class in April.
- **West** – Consolidating hose testing. Next Meeting is March 15th.
- **Central** – Meet on the 20th.
- **EMS** – RFP going out for Mobile Crisis Response Team. Awards banquet is May 24th at Station 73. If you have a member that was part of a save or should be recognized, please have your EMS agency submit to the council.
- **Fire Police** – working on a session with Fire Officers and municipal officials on proper ways to approve FP for coverage at special details and events.
- **RTF** – Station 35 is looking to leave the Trench Rescue group but will stay on for water rescues. Had a member complete a Medical USAR training in Florida.
- **FTF** – looking to get a meeting together with the Deputy Leaders of the tasks force.

Old Business:

- Lithium Battery Fires – GM is putting on classes in May EV battery fires.
- EV Task Force Advisory Group formed. Looking for a rep from Fire side. Gerry was going to ask a LT Ryan Smith in Downingtown that works for Tesla.
- Keynotes on EV fires.

- No not puncture the battery compartments, don't use foam, if not a threat, letting it burn may be a better option due to runoff.
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- Ops Committee: Working to get manpower units (Squads) switched over to Utilities and free up the Squad designation for Rescue Pumpers. Please submit your change to CADUpdate@Chesco.org. Rescues will have a self-assessment form to be completed attesting to if you have a Rescue meeting the new requirements or a Squad/Utility. Working on CAD updates to default responses requiring Rescues.
- Strategic Plan – Follow ups from the CATO Meeting in November

New Business:

- 1st Annual John Stout Memorial Golf Outing Invites are out. Sign up quickly if interested. Looking for groups to try and bring in additional sponsors.
- Numbering Committee – Nothing Presently
- Recruitment – Met last month.