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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY**

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September Advisory Board Notes 09/07/2023.

DES Report:

- County Property Tax Credit: Guidelines coming out and will range from a 10-100% based on a point system.
- Siren Tones – September 30th set as a deadline to switch over to use your general fire tone for activating the siren. Contact Metropolitan to make the change.
- New Pagers/Paging System – Put in for \$3 million for 2024 and 2025 budgets. Approval should be seen in Nov/Dec.
- Lots of resources being used in the fugitive manhunt.
- Homeland Grant Funding – PEMA is very backed up and taking their time in review and approvals.
- BJ to attend the October Meeting to go over call sequencing and review the automatic make ups.

Districts:

- **North** – Meet next week on the 13th at Ridge. Will be having Adam out to go over the CAD system with us. Question asked if there has been issues with getting available EMS to incidents? No direct answer to the issue. Everyone is doing their best.
- **South** – Going to Ops channels for fire ground operations.
- **East** – Meetings moving to the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- **West** – Have not met.
- **Central** – One station still working on siren tones.
- **EMS** – Rehab services – Is there a want in the county to utilize this rehab services at incidents. Not just a water delivery service. Grant funding is coming up on needing to be spent on new rehab truck or other projects.
- **Fire Police** – Meeting Sunday, 9/10.
- **RTF** – Two responses this month. Please look at replacing the lumber that is being utilized on your calls. Did some shoring up in Phoenixville.
- **FTF** – None

Old Business:

- New rescue designation – Still drafting policy. New category will not have the extension ladder requirement, just 16ft of combined ladder length. Includes Little Giants. Also the 36in Cribbing requirement will be not be in the new classification. Gerry asked AJ to consider if the 2nd air chisel is needed on the “Medium” duty category.
 - AJ also mentioned that the committee may look at the Heavy Rescue category again and add some things back in. No time table on this. North asked the committee to consider that some stations made an investment to bring their Rescues up the current guidelines before changing the guidelines further.

New Business:

- Mayday policy review – Jim from the East recommends getting polices from our surrounding counties to be included in the review.