



# NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## **November Advisory Board Notes 11/02/2023.**

### **DES Report:**

- County Property Tax Credit: DES is working on the documentation and training items to help Agency's calculate their membership's participation points. Recommendation is to document your committee member's participation in company minutes for official record keeping.
  - Stations must submit their spreadsheets before February 15<sup>th</sup> so their members can benefit from the Tax Rebate.
- New Pagers/Paging System – Put in for \$3 million for 2024. Approval should be seen in Nov/Dec.
- BJ attended the Meeting and provided insight into the discussion on the Automatic Make up criteria and assigning of Ops Channels.

### **Districts:**

- **North** – Meet next week on the 8<sup>th</sup> at Station 73. Continuing to work on grants for Safety Trailer upgrades.
- **South** – Working off of Ops channels now instead of Fire Digital 1. AJ asked if the Ops Channels can be assigned to the different regions that make up the zone channels. Ex. West Ops 1 to the South, West Ops 2 to the West...
  - Through further discussion and insight from BJ it was asked if the districts would have an issue with the dispatcher assigning an Ops Channel on dispatch for larger incidents? Who is still using FD1 or Fire Digital 1 for Fire Ground Ops?
- **East** – Starting a Quarterly District Training Schedule
- **West** – Met last month. Keeping the joint training going.
- **Central** – Had to reschedule meeting. Have not met.
- **EMS** – Discussed Rehab further. Looking to keep the automatic dispatches to Extreme Hot and Cold events and 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fires. Current trailer not in suitable condition for going out on all WFD. Will wait for the new truck for that.
- **Fire Police** – Meeting Sunday, 11/4. Big Thank You to the great work done by the FP for the services for the West Whiteland LODD.
- **RTF** – DES is replacing the current lumber. Still working through the DES Coordinator position.
- **FTF** – None

### **Old Business:**

- New rescue designation – AJ to have a document out soon. To be voted on at the January Association Meeting.
- Funding Assistance to Rescue Task Force: Gerry is considering doing a one-time donation. Motion was made and seconded to approve \$2500 donation to the RTF for CCFCA.

### **New Business:**

- The training campus needs a new fire engine. It was brought up that the County had earmarked \$300,000 towards a used Engine. The CCFCA wants to discuss this further with the Commissioners on putting funding towards purchasing a new Engine designed for the training campus. Gerry asked that stations send in their bullet points towards why a new Engine is the right decision for the Training Campus.