



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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January Advisory Board Notes 1/04/2024.

DES Report:

- County Property Tax Credit: Taking questions and updating the FAQ section routinely as they receive feedback. Recommendation is to document your committee member's participation in company minutes for official record keeping.
 - Stations must submit their spreadsheets before February 15th so their members can benefit from the Tax Rebate.
 - Self-Identification Forms are due by January 15th of 2025 for the 2024 Tax year as that is the last day that you can pay your County Taxes. Once taxes are paid and your forms are in, County will send you a rebate.
- New Pagers/Paging System – \$1.3M approved for 2024 Budget.
- Working on supplemental insurance policy to cover Rescue Task Force, Similar to the policy they currently hold for the Haz-Mat Team.
- Pulse Point – Tech Group planning to come to a Chief's Meeting to go over the new member's portal for managing your own users.
- CISM – Now falls under the Quality Assurance Division. Will be hiring a second coordinator. CSIM requests can be made from the Fire Board. They can also provide training to your stations.

Districts:

- **North** – Meet next week on the 10th at Station 62. Jeff Kimes was elected president for 2024.
- **South** – Meet End of the Month
- **East** – Met in December, Officers Stayed the same.
- **West** – Meet on the 17th
- **Central** – Went over voting reps and discussed Rehab.
- **EMS** – New Rehab unit approved. Working on feedback from the 911 center.
- **Fire Police** – Nothing
- **RTF** – Resource funding received from DES and CCFA. Thank you! Planning a Paratech Rescue Class. Medic 94 joined for EMS support of the Task Force Members and Station 5 joined the Rescue Task Force.
- **FTF** – None

Old Business:

- New rescue designation amendment – Removed the 36in cribbing requirement and changed ladder requirement to 16ft of portable ladders. There was a discussion on publishing a document with the medium duty designation so it can be reviewed what is being voted on in February.
- Auto Make Up on WFD being looked into and working through CAD process and DES will follow up.
- Training Campus Engine – Idea received to use the \$350K to purchase a decent used engine and immediately work with County to form a committee to spec a new engine for purchase and hopefully delivery 4-5 years down the road.

New Business:

- Hero Fund Fundraising event in March with Joe Conklin at Downingtown Country Club. Would like each station to try and get a sponsor from your district as the Hero Fund is available to all of us when in need.