



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY

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October Advisory Board Notes 10/02/2025.

DES Report:

- Fire Paging – CAD interface work has begun. Tower work complete. Coverage work complete at above 99%. Pager order is in and will be expected in around January 2026 for testing.
- Tax Rebate – New ordinance at Legal.
- COMM2 is underway
- Hazmat: Hazmat 15-2 replacement is in progress. Utility 15 refurb is nearing completion. Hazmat Team is replacing its air packs.
- Training - FF1 going to 3 modules, with no Sundays and breaks between modules. Small Fee increases for training in 2026. More to come.

Districts:

- **North** - Meet in November at Ridge, Working on Tax Rebate Information for School Districts based on what other school districts have done. Discussion about Emergency Networking
- **South** - Had a quick Meeting, Next meeting will be the election of officers
- **East** - Met
- **West** – No Report
- **EMS** - Working on the Charting Platform and selecting First Due. Christiana Jennersville Campus is open and already seeing double their 15 patients a day anticipated volume.
- **FP** - John Sly came and spoke. Have program scheduled for next meeting 11/2 and have two members that will be providing a BBQ for next meeting. Incident Vehicle Recon Program at next meeting. FP Helmets are coming in. Working on final numbers for dispersion. Discussion on additional funding from the stations to the FP Association.
- **RTF** - No Responses since September. Been working on some nighttime exercises and the transition to DES. Been looking at the Swift Water Rescue policies and guidelines from surrounding regions. Will be polling the water rescues resources in the County on what they have available for equipment and certified personnel.

Old Business:

- Ops Committee – Stand-By/Transfers:
 - 1 Engine to home station, 911 center gets autonomy to look at the bigger picture for the region.
 - If coverage fails, after 2 attempts to fill it, Dispatcher goes back to OIC on what they would like to do.
 - Field Requests for stand-bys will only be requested by the OIC
 - No covers of special units (Ladder, Tankers, Rescues) unless 911 centers sees a void in the region and makes a determination for additional Stand-by units.
 - As the OIC if you have a different idea or need for stand-bys please call the Fire Board on the phone and speak with them to work out a plan.

- Mike L (47) working on a CODEX program and policy for identifying and entering into CAD abandoned and dilapidated properties.

New Business:

- NERIS - NERIS numbers are assigned to you. You don't apply for them. There is an issue with the numbers that are assigned for some stations. Make sure you get your NERIS number.
- Recruitment and Retention Committee needs a Rep