

## Emergency Services Committee

### Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2018

#### Attendees:

##### Avondale Fire Company

Guy Swift – President

Charlie Owens- Vice-President

##### SCCEMS

Bob Hotchkiss- EMS Chief

##### West Grove Fire Company

John Chambers-Deputy Chief

Tom Glass- Past President

Justin Gattorno- Fire Chief

##### London Grove Township

Ken Battin-Manager

Robert Weer- Fire Marshal

1. The minutes from the last meeting were noted and considered acceptable.
2. It was noted that follow up was conducted with Joan McVey, Franklin Township Manager, regarding the Avon Charter School Memorandum of Understanding. They were also emailed a copy of London Grove's MOU, not sure of any further response.
3. The 111 Building fire data was updated to include a house fire in New London Township in 2017. It was believed to be the only event that was missing.
4. The medical and motor vehicles crashes were discussed, and a brief overview of the data was conducted. Bob Hotchkiss advised that response times for these types of calls may be skewed due to regulations regarding protocol. BLS responses do not require lights and sirens, therefore there could be delays. The group felt that BLS calls should not be used at this time and only ALS accidents are captured.
5. Fire department responses and issues with fire alarms, Knox boxes, contact information, etc. was discussed. The township asked the fire companies to notify the township if an issue exists, regardless of an immediate concern. This enable the fire marshal to follow up with the property owner to ensure the issue is resolved. Guy Swift asked the procedure for inspections of commercial properties. It was noted that the township performed a risk assessment and prioritized inspections.
6. A current and proposed Standard of Response Cover was presented to the committee. The SORC that was a result of the 2016 study was used as the goal and the data was analyzed to develop the current SORC, both are provided in the appendix. Charlie Owens suggested that the bridge is an issue for response times and there should further discussion after the bridge is open. It was the feeling of the committee that these should not be presented to the BOS at this time. The wording in the SORC was confusing to the group, so response will be changed to alerting.

7. Discussion continued into the idea of dual response for calls other than structure fires. The idea would be to have an engine and ladder staffed to cover calls within the township. The ability to spread out the risk was considered a positive. Concerns were placing more people at risk during response, wear and tear on equipment, and personnel would fail to respond. There was no decision made on the matter.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer