

Emergency Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2018

Attendees:

Avondale Fire Company

Charlie Owens- Vice-President

SCCEMS

Bob Hotchkiss

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

Dave Connors- Supervisor

1. The minutes from the last meeting were noted and considered acceptable.
2. There was discussion on the gathering of data moving forward. The county has provided some data to this point, however it the belief of the committee that we need to utilize the data that each organization develops. The ability to consolidate each organizations information for fire and ems will enhance the mission of data development. It was decided that each organization representative would reach out to the individuals that manage their data and provide it to the township. Robert and Ken will develop a consolidated format that will enable a systematic data base. The intention is to identify areas that assist in developing the Standard of Cover and a map.
3. Manager, Ken Battin, discussed the recently adopted Act 172, Volunteer Tax Incentive. The initial process has been conducted with a few minor adjustments. The overall census was that the incentive is beneficial to the volunteers, however it is placing additional burden on the volunteer officer that needs to manage the program.
4. Bob Hotchkiss discussed the Standard of Cover from an EMS perspective and the dispatched call type verses the actual condition. He explained there is not a national standard that could be used, only some information from the Heart Association. There are many different factors that go into their data, first contact with patient regardless the discipline. The influences of CPR, basic lifesaving skills, and presence the of an AED are some of the factors. The ability for the township to provide information on the locations of AED's during inspection's will help. The amount of data that is available for London Grove is considered a small data set and it may be more beneficial to look at heart related emergencies from a more regional area. Bob will investigate this further and provide the group with more information.
5. The group heard ideas from Dave Connors, regarding the Opioid Crisis. He is planning to generate a committee that will provide awareness, education and support at the municipal level. The group agreed that this was worth the effort and it may be beneficial to focus on outreach efforts to assist individuals that emergency services has provided care. The general

feeling was that there should be intervention efforts, maybe from the county health department or a similar entity. The committee will work over the next couple of months to develop the data and provide more information.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer