

Emergency Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2018

Attendees:

Avondale Fire Company  
Guy Swift – Past President  
Charlie Owens- Vice-President

West Grove Fire Company  
Tom Glass-Past President  
John Chambers-Deputy Chief

London Grove Township  
Robert Weer- Fire Marshal  
Ken Battin-Manager

SCCEMS  
Bob Hotchkiss

1. The committee reviewed the 2019 Emergency Services Resolution. There was concern with the use of Automatic Vehicle Locating (AVL) terminology for initial dispatching of units. Out of county and out of state was the primary concern that has provided issues in the past. It is believed that a quicker response is gained utilizing in county/state units due to the delay in transferring of calls and other agencies AVL capabilities. It is believed that AVL is beneficial and should be utilized for any second due units with primary territories to remain. Therefore, the wording in the resolution is to be slightly revised for approval and enable the committee the ability to adjust as AVL becomes more proficient.
2. The Strategic Action Plan has been updated to reflect CO detectors and current insurance information for Avondale Fire Company. West Grove has provided Whistleblower and conflict of Interest policies to meet the 2018 action items. There are still three action items that are being worked on; Role of safety Officer, implementing a Health and Safety Officer, and developing an action plan for NFPA 1720. It was recognized that these items will roll into 2019.
3. The Standard of Response Cover (SORC) for BLS and ALS response was discussed to determine a viable response statement. The preliminary statement utilizes 7 minutes from the time that a call is received in 911 until a unit is on scene with appropriate personnel. The response statement would be for predetermined “light and siren” emergencies and not those that are identified as non-life threatening response in accordance with state, county, and local regulations and standards. Patient contact was considered a more important component that could further develop the delivery statement and enhance a SORC statement. Also, the SORC will provide guidance for the future to determine any external challenges that arise within the community. Ex. Traffic issues, roadway challenges, or development.
4. The issue of staffing was discussed to alert the committee of concerns for future staffing delivery models. The challenge is that career staffing is becoming exhausted because of several factors; salaries and benefits, duplication of staffing resources, and organizational structures. It was felt that the committee should continue to discuss these regional approaches for providing emergency services and recognize them within a committee report. These concerns fall on the heels of the recent SR6 report provided to state and local authorities.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer