

Emergency Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2019

Attendees:	
Avondale Fire Company	West Grove Fire Company
Charlie Owens – Past President	John Chambers – Deputy Chief
Shawn Carrol – Deputy Chief	Tom Glass – Past President
	Justin Gatorno – Fire Chief
SCCEMS	London Grove Township
Bob Hotchkiss	Ken Battin – Manager
	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
New Garden Township	Robert Doan – Resident
Tony Scheivert – Manager	Frank Scarpato – Resident
Steve Allaband – BOS	Rich Scott-Harper – BOS
Mike Loftus - BOS	

1. There were not any additions or comments for the Emergency Services presentation for the BOS.
2. Township Vision Project- The township manager has asked every committee to present their committees vision for the township at a meeting on February 28, 2019. The group discussed the bullet points of the strategic plan as their vision or mission. It provides a written path and a positive for the township. They felt that the strengths of the committee were the ability to provide a back and forth between emergency organizations and township.
3. The discussion led to some weaknesses or negative aspects of the strategic action plan. There are many administrative aspects that challenge volunteers within the organization to maintain compliance. The general feeling was that the emergency services is a business that requires significant amount of the volunteers time.
4. Deputy 23 (Carroll) provided guidelines for Safety Officer and an evaluation of the Avondale fire company compliance with NFPA 1720. This required many volunteer hours to develop and lead to relevant questions. The primary areas of concern included:
 - Authority having jurisdiction
 - Community Risk Plan
 - Incorporating all municipalities that AFC serves
 - Haz-mat section update
 - Written mutual aid agreements
 - Annual evaluations for response
 - Quadrennial reports for compliance
 - Pre-planning development and updating

These questions were considered valid and should be further discussed and evaluated. Discussion about regionalized approach for administrative staff or front-line staffing continued. Fire departments feel that they need firefighters and EMTs and not training officers. Another concern was funding for these resources.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer