

Emergency Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2019

Attendees:	
Avondale Fire Company	West Grove Fire Company
Shawn Carrol – Deputy Chief	John Chambers – Deputy Chief
	Tom Glass – Past President
SCCEMS	London Grove Township
Bob Hotchkiss	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
	Robert Doan – Resident

1. The minutes were reviewed with no comments
2. Township Vision Project meeting was discussed to include the Emergency Services Committee is working on provisions of the Fire Study that was completed by VFIS; standard of cover, data collection, and components of the strategic action plan. Committee ties into the actions of the planning commission. Volunteers are struggling to find the time to volunteer. There was discussion from those that attended the meeting on the amount of development already approved and impacts on emergency services. Congestion and flow patterns for traffic on Rt. 41 were of most concern.
3. It was recommended that the BOS implement the earned income tax portion of Act 172 Tax Reform for Volunteers. The members of the organizations are asking to have this implemented and is considered a benefit.
4. Narcan dispenser were believed to be a benefit and should be provided to be administered by municipal employees. The county has a program that the township should consider participating.
5. As a follow up to last month’s discussion, Deputy 23 (Carroll) provided further evaluation of the Avondale Fire Companies compliance with NFPA 1720 (attached). An updated copy, as well as the LGT Municipal Risk Assessment were provided. The group walked through each category of the assessment to determine provide guidance for the AFC. London Grove Township was determined as the AHJ and should bear the burden to ensure development and maintenance of a community risk plan. A plan currently exists; however, it needs to specifically identify applicable written mutual aid agreements, alignment of response compared to risk assessment, and pre-planning. Organized data is important to assist with a community risk plan and should continually evaluated for relevance. Areas of facility health concerns to first responders should be include in efforts for pre-planning.
6. Annual evaluations and quadrennial reports were discussed and determined to not be the responsibility of the contracted agencies. These reports should be developed and approved by the committee as recommendation to the BOS. It was felt that there is a considerable burden for gathering individual agency information and requires additional burden on volunteers.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer