

Emergency Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 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
Guy Swift – Past Chief	Justin Gattorno – Fire Chief
SCCEMS	London Grove Township
Bob Hotchkiss	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
	Rich Scott-Harper – BOS Chair

1. Minute were presented
2. Reviewed the SR6 Comparison. It was noted the number of ideas and concepts that LGT has already implemented of continues to discuss. Items were discussed that could be considered a line items that help to improve the overall comparison. Regionalization of services or delivery of services continues to have the potential to be municipal driven and the group would encourage the fire department leadership to develop and present avenues to better enhance provided services. An example was the hiring of career staff that attracts and maintains providers that enhances or sustains a determined level of service. This could be accomplished through a consortium or similar organized method. Fire Departments feel that municipal incentives are a good avenue for recruitment and retention and feel that the current incentives should be updated to include earn income.
3. The emergency services commission by-laws were discussed and considered overall acceptable. The primary purpose of the by-laws is to formalize the current ad-hoc committee. The committee has been meeting consistently for the past several years and has provide valuable contribution for the emergency services provide in LGT and the community. The two main talking points were the election of the chairman and the group felt that fire marshal should by default maintain the position. However, it would remain in the by-laws and simply elect the current fire marshal to the position annually. This would be like the membership representative from SCCEMS. The second point was the inclusion of the current fire chief of both organization As members of the commission. The fire departments feel that the fire chief or their selected representative should be included on the commission, even if they didn't have any voting privileges. This would enable an opportunity for the current chief to introduce their perspective on discussed issues. The group agreed and the by-laws will be updated for review.
4. Emergency reporting is the software that both fire departments are either using or will be in the new year. The township would like to use modules within the software, and it would be a cost savings by not using three separate packages. The township would cover the associated cost of currently \$1633.00. The concerns were regarding access to individual department data (i.e. personnel files). The overall all consensus was a good idea and that a meeting with vendor should be scheduled to have any questions answered.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer