

Emergency Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

Attendees:	
Avondale Fire Company	West Grove Fire Company
Charlie Owens – Past President	Justin Gattorno – Fire Chief
Shawn Carrol – Deputy Chief	Tom Glass – Past President
Guy Swift – Past Chief	
New Garden Township	London Grove Township
Steve Allaband - Supervisor	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
Tony Scheivert - Manager	Rich Scott-Harper – Resident

1. Minute were presented
2. Reminder to have members submit the tax incentive rebate for volunteer emergency service personnel. It was requested to have the end of November as the deadline for property taxes to coincide with other municipalities.
3. Discussion about call data and inconsistencies that continue to occur. The inconsistency with data provides several challenges, an example is determining financial obligations and cost per call. The municipalities are concerned with rising costs, while the fire departments are struggling to maintain a level of service. The challenge for the group is to determine the acceptable level of service. Both fire departments are now using the same software with anticipation that the township will be provided with access provide a uniformed set of data. A three-month trial was determined as an acceptable starting point.
4. The strategic Action Plan was reviewed to identify areas that have been accomplished of need to be revisited in 2020. There was considerable hard work on topics such as training and meeting NFPA 1720. However, nothing was brought to a consensus for recommendation to the BOS. Discussion regarding driver training for CDL drivers and legal considerations when performing routine assignments and not emergencies. Requirements for officers and staff to include career staffing. Fire departments are to bring requirements next month for the group to discuss.
5. The Commission by-laws were discussed on how members are appointed. Fire departments feel that current officers should determine representatives from their organizations. This would better enable them to implement any necessary changes or modifications within their organization. The current version of the by-laws includes the fire chief or their designee as an ex-officio member. The by-law will be presented to the Board of Supervisors with those considerations.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer