

Emergency Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2019

Attendees:	
Avondale Fire Company	West Grove Fire Company
Charlie Owens – Past President	John Chambers – Deputy Chief
Guy Swift – Past President	Tom Glass – Past President
Shawn Carrol – Deputy Chief	Justin Gattorno – Fire Chief
SCCEMS	London Grove Township
Rich Scott-Harper – Board member	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
	Ken Battin - Manager
	Rich Scott-Harper – Chair BOS

1. A summary copy of the BLS responses to the 2209 Box for the year was provided for review. No action or discussion.
2. There was a medical emergency in June at the Avon Grove High School on the soccer field. There was confusion on the dispatched location, the call sent responders to the District office. The incident was discussed to ensure that the confusion did not have the potential to be a recurring event. It seems that this was an isolated incident and responders acting accordingly.
3. There have been multiple EMS calls, 28 in past 15 months, at 7 Rouse Dr and the fire department was seeking advice/support to reduce or eliminate the excessive calls. They are all lift assists and considered non-life-threatening with refusal of service. Fire Department presented the information and a drafted letter to send to the residents notifying them of the excessive use and if non-emergency aid could be provided. The discussion involved sending a bill for the calls. The overall concern is that the resident may not consider calling 911 in the future for true emergencies. The group decided that the township would visit the resident to see if there is any aid that the township could provide or assist in finding the proper aid.
4. London Grove Township has the largest population of horses in the county, therefore there was interest in better understanding the response for the Horse Rescue Team. WGFC recently utilized the team and provided information on the process. It is not automatically dispatched; FD must request the team. The county then pages the host team officer to assemble a response. Additionally, the county provides a team that assists. There seems to still be some confusion in the actual dispatching for the horse rescue response but is considered an effective asset for the area.
5. A representative from Insurance Services Office (ISO) met with township representative to update the townships ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC). The township and municipal authority have been diligently working to test and document the water supply system and community risk reduction program. There were many outcomes, however the most significant is that ISO no longer recognizes or rates the municipality. The Fire Department's response territory is considered the Fire Protection Service Area (FPSA). This provides challenges and concerns for both the municipality and the fire departments. As an example, a higher rating for London Grove Townships (LGT) water supply system will be weakened or calculated based on other water

supply systems. Also, this approach could cause a situation where the township has two different PPC, 60% for WGFC coverage and 40% for Avondale Fire Companies (AFC) response territory. If one municipality does not participate the classification will not be updated. There were challenges with the training requirements and documentation procedures. The training is linked or weighed on the average number of responding personnel, the higher the number of personnel the more required training hours. There was concern for the non-hydrant areas of the response territories and credit can be applied for tanker operations. The group's overall response was that the efforts are worth continuing to pursue lowering the PPC and that it needs to be through collative efforts between the municipalities and fire departments.

6. The township requested organizations 2020 budgets by June 30th allowing the township more time to improve their budget process. SCCEMS and Avondale have provided their budgets and WGFC should be in the next couple of days. The budgets will be reviewed at the next committee meeting in preparation to present to the Board of Supervisors.
7. Both fire companies have been working on a solution for securing and sharing Knox box keys. A secure key ring solution was presented, and it will be the responsibility of the township to purchase. Both AFC and LGT are budgeting for Knox Box securing systems within the vehicles, AFC expects a \$12,000 cost. WGFC already has the systems in all their vehicles.

Adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully,

Robert Weer