

Emergency Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 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 Gattorno – Fire Chief
SCCEMS	London Grove Township
Bob Hotchkiss	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
	Robert Doan – Resident
	Frank Scarpato - Resident

1. The minutes were reviewed with no comments.
2. The township is preparing to meet with the Insurance Service Office (ISO) and gathering information from the fire departments. There are several areas that we believe should gain credit and the ability to lower the classification rating. Two primary areas are the inclusion of the fire and building codes and the flow testing of hydrants. In the past there little to no credit provide for these areas. Hopefully, over the next month the information can be presented to ISO.
3. The fire and life safety inspection process has enabled the purchase and installation of more Knox Boxes for commercial properties. To minimize the process period, enable fire department access within the entire township, and ensure security a couple of proposed options were discussed.
 - a. An option to reduce process period would be to add the township fire marshal to each departments list of approval persons.
 - b. Currently, a key for 23's first run district will not open boxes in 22's first due and vice versa. An option is to acquire a township core and rekey boxes to enable each fire department township wide access. The fire departments would rather share each other's key, and this would further enable their capabilities within their entire response districts.
 - c. The security of keys involves a passcode protected Knox Box unit within each piece of apparatus. Currently, WGFC has units that secure one key installed in each apparatus, AFC has been discussing adding them within their apparatus and the township's fire marshal vehicle has a key for each departments box with no means of securing the keys. It was decided that the fire marshal would be added to each departments approval list to approve only those boxes within the township jurisdiction. The fire departments decided it would be easiest to share each other's keys. A piece of wire or some other method would be used to ensure security of both keys while in the Knox Box security unit. AFC and LGT are to explore and budget for Knox box security units and all agencies are to plan for two or more key units during replacement of apparatus.
4. The county has hired a consultant to review emergency services within the county. A kickoff meeting was conducted to inform fire, EMS, and municipal leaders of the intentions and planning of the study. The impacts and influence on local services were discussed and the group

was supportive. The group would be interested to have representatives of the consulting firm attend a meeting if possible.

Adjourned at 5:30 pm

Respectfully,

Robert Weer