

Emergency Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2020

<b>Attendees:</b>	
Avondale Fire Company	West Grove Fire Company
Charlie Owens – Past President	John Chambers – Deputy chief
Guy Swift – Past Chief	Tom Glass – Past President
Shawn Carrol – Deputy Chief	London Grove Township
SCCEMS	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
Bob Hotckiss – EMS Chief	Rich Scott-Harper – Resident
	Frank Scarpatto - Resident

1. Discussion entailed training requirements and those necessary for officers. Avondale presented a version of recommended requirements. Reviewed VFIS Study recommendation and WGFC current requirements. Fire departments were concerned with the amount of time constraints on volunteer officers and their ability to complete any necessary courses. Discussion focused on some courses that do not directly apply and other agencies are called to mitigate the tactics (hazmat, trench rescue, high angle rescue). A three-year grace period was suggested to allow officers the opportunity to complete certifications/training. Another consideration was memberships that were unwilling to adopt by-laws or policy that reflect adopted training requirements. The township will develop a document to present to the BOS.
  
2. The Strategic Action Plan was reviewed and led to discussion regarding responses being based on risk. Also, consolidation of resources to improve the level of service and funding. Another concern was medical calls on Rt 1 or roadway and EMS safety. Dispatching a large piece of apparatus to act as a blocker. The group will review data and discuss the topic further next month.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer