

Berks County Fire Service Working Group Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2009

ATTENDANCE

ZONE 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Feltenberger (13)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Yenser (21)
ZONE 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary Jeremy Bentz (50)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Reeser (37)
ZONE 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Lester Feick (27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Martin (47)
ZONE 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scot Landis (67)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Longenecker (79)
ZONE 5/6	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Gehman (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> Derrick Nester (49)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairman, Chuck Neubauer (15)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice-Chairman, Chris Stevens (17)
ZONE 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Moyer (RFD)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Wentzel (RFD)
BERKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gottschall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Wanner
BERKS COUNTY FIREMENS ASSOC.		<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Trostle
BERKS COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leon Grim
BERKS COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOC.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Englebach
OTHERS: Randy Cole (DES), Kevin Neiswender (DES)		

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm at the DES office in the Direct Link Building.

PAGING PROJECT: Brian Gottschall presented the most current report of the high-band paging project. www.co.berks.pa.us/ema/lib/ema/files/notification_paging_startup.pdf and www.berksema.com/ema/cwp/view.asp?a=1256&q=503065

Brian also presented the dispatcher radio SOP. Minor changes were made and final copy will be made available.

Details of the Working Group letter to the Commissioners were discussed. The secretary will get a new draft written.

RUN CARDS: Sample run cards were provided by Craig Wanner. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to switch to unit dispatching. All present in favor, except for Zone 1 representative. The Working Group also made recommendations as to the minimum number of resources that should be listed. Final drafts of the run card sheets will be developed. Distribution, training dates, submission dates and a change deadline at the Comm Center all need to be finalized.

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Scott Reeser shared that Christian Leinbach is heading an initiative for Businesses and Volunteer Emergency Service agencies to develop partnerships. A press conference is scheduled for noon on October 13, 2009 at Misco Products in Bern Township. Emergency service agencies are encouraged to attend. In addition, emergency service agencies should potentially be prepared to let a wide variety of individuals and businesses know how they may be able to assist ones organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Bentz, Secretary

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