

# **Berks County Fire Service Working Group Meeting Minutes**

**March 31, 2011**

## **ATTENDANCE**

ZONE 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Schegan (46)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Yenser (21)	
ZONE 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Snyder (50)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Schrack (41)	Ken Quell (37)
ZONE 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lester Feick (27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Martin (47)	
ZONE 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scot Landis (67)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Longenecker (79)	Mark Hostetter (85)
ZONE 5/6	Matt Gehman (22)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Schaeffer (20)	
	Mike DeTurck (25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Stevens (17)	
ZONE 7	Kevin Kulp (RFD)	Ron Wentzel (RFD)	
BERKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gottschall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Wanner	
BERKS COUNTY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION			
BERKS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION	Leon Grim		
BERKS COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Englebach		
OTHERS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Dietrich - Zone 2 President	Kirk Litzenberger – Zone 3	

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Stevens at 1819 hours in the Berks County Department of Emergency Services Conference room, located in the Direct Link Building, Bernville Road, Leesport, PA. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as posted with no additions or corrections.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Run Card Implementation:** Craig Wanner provided WG members with an update on the progress of run cards being entered into the system. Questions arose regarding progress of implementation versus what was provided to the WG members in February. DES communicated they are behind a few weeks versus their original timeline. A further update will be provided at the April meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dispatches:** The Berks County EMS Working Group Reviewed the Fire Working Groups proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> dispatches and cover assignments and did not approve the Fire Working Groups proposal. Chairman Chris Stevens will attend the next EMS Working Group meeting to further discuss and report at the April meeting.

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**P25 System:** Brian Gottschall explained there are propagation contingencies in place for the new radio system in the event a large communication “dead spot” is found. Brian also announced a Motorola demonstration for the WG of a prototype of their new basic portable radio for the system. The demonstration was to be April 8<sup>th</sup> but has since been postponed to a future date.

**RCC:** 2011 AFG has not been finalized or approved due to the federal budget crisis. Current timeline estimate of the AFG application period is June-July. Presently RCC is looking into additional funding through private foundations.

**CAD:** DES gave a timeline for implementation of the New World CAD system by the end of 2011.

**Fire Police Assoc:** Bob Englebach communicated the Berks County Fire Police Association has retracted a letter they sent out to a few zones regarding their position of the P25 system. Bob also communicated the Fire Police Association Radio Committee will meet a half hour before Fire Police Association meetings if any fire police has questions. The Berks County Fire Police Association is once again stating they are 100% in favor of the new P25 system.

Adjourned at 7:58pm.

Next WG meeting will be held on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chuck Snyder, BFSWG Secretary