

Berks County Fire Service Working Group Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2011

ATTENDANCE

ZONE 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Schegan (46)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Battista (33)	Mark George (11)
ZONE 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Snyder (50)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Schrack (41)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Quell (37)
ZONE 3	Lester Feick (27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Martin (47)	
ZONE 4	Scot Landis (67)	Bruce Longenecker (79)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Hostetter
ZONE 5/6	Matt Gehman (22) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Fox (34)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Schaeffer (20) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Stevens (17)	
ZONE 7	Kevin Kulp (RFD)	Ron Wentzel (RFD)	
BERKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	Brian Gottschall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Wanner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Flores
BERKS COUNTY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Weidenhammer		
BERKS COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leon Grim		
BERKS COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Englebach		
OTHERS:	Matt Stairaker (DES)		

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Stevens at 1818 hours in the Berks County Department of Emergency Services Conference room, located in the Direct Link Building, Bernville Road, Leesport, PA.

The minutes from the June 30, 2011 were approved.

DISCUSSION

Collapse Task Force: Tabled.

Box Alarms: Craig W provided an updated list on box alarm implementation which can be found on the DES website. Craig W also stated he is working on a manual for the New World CAD system. Tony Flores stated fire co's and municipalities that have not complied with submission of run cards were sent letters. DES has set an August 31st deadline for final run card submission. If they are not received by August 31st, DES will fill out run cards for those municipalities at their own discretion.

911 Advisory Board: There was no meeting in July, will be tabled until August.

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RCC: Application period date for AFG has not been released. Tony Flores stated on July 18th that RCC submitted to DES a grant narrative for their review. Parts of the narrative may have to be tweaked depending on the grant guidelines which have not been published. Tony also reported that RCC will need 2 fire companies to be lead entities for submission of the regional grant for radios. Anybody interested please contact Tony at 610-374-4800 x 8217. Tony also provided address and phone number for all Fire/EMS agencies in Berks to RCC so they can meet with each agency for additional data collection and to review grant process. Primary focus on the 2011 AFG will be for mobile radios.

P25: Matt S communicated the time frame for Fire Company's P25 radio need assessments is closing fast. Anybody who has not had their needs assessment completed is to contact Brian Gottschall to schedule. Matt S also reported progress on tower lease sites. There are no "holdouts" and DES is confident remaining tower site lease agreements will be finalized in the near future. DES hopes to turn over tower sites to Motorola in the beginning of 2012 for tower site construction.

Training: Zones reported back to the WG with the names of their representatives:

Zone 1 - not decided

Zone 2 - Gary Noecker and Mark Richards

Zone 3 - Mike Mckeone and Josh Burburra

Zone 4 - To be determined at August Zone 4 meeting

Zone 5/6 - Ryan Bingaman and Jeff Reitnauer.

Chief Assoc - Leon Grim

Fire Assoc - Roger Weidenhammer

Instructors – Eric Rickenbach and a second instructor to be named at the August meeting.

Radio SOG'S: In preparation of P25 radio system, the county Radio SOG is being looked at to be updated. WG reps are being asked to go back to their zones to get ideas on how communication improvements can be accomplished in the county.

Meeting adjourned at 1915.

The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2011 at 1815 hours in the conference room of Berks DES at Direct Link.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Snyder, BFSWG Secretary