

Berks County Fire Service Working Group Meeting Minutes

August 25, 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)	Eric Schrack (41)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Quell (37)
ZONE 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lester Feick (27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Martin (47)	
ZONE 4	Scot Landis (67)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Longenecker (79)	Mark Hostetter
ZONE 5/6	Matt Gehman (22)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Schaeffer (20)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Fox (34)	<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	<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 August 25, 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. If box alarms are not received by August 31st, DES will fill out run cards for those municipalities at their own discretion unless that fire department is actively trying to complete the alarms for submission.

911 Advisory Board: Next 911 Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Thursday September 2nd at Directlink. Leon Grimm was already nominated as a Working Group representative and Bill Battista will consider being the second representative. Since the

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Working Group Meeting Bill Battista has accepted to be the Working Group's second representative.

RCC: Tony Flores reported the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program application period is now open for submission and will close on Friday September 9th. In order for RCC to collect all the data needed to submit a grant, they have set a deadline of Friday September 2nd for all data submissions by those wanting to participate in the county regional grant program.

P25: Updated pricing sheets were handed out and is on the DES website. Fire Companies who had their needs assessments completed by DES are asked to look at new pricing and revise their assessments. Brian Gottschall reported that all tower sites leases have been secured except for Kitanning Mountain (Strausstown).

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

Zone 1 – Steve Kline and Jon Ravel

Zone 2 - Gary Noecker and Mark Richards

Zone 3 - Mike Mckeone and Josh Barbora

Zone 4 – Jeff Weidner and Jeff Reinert

Zone 5/6 - Ryan Bingaman, Jeff Reitnauer, Michael Trievel and Chris Bickings.

Chief Assoc - Leon Grim

Fire Assoc - Roger Weidenhammer

Instructors – Eric Rickenbach, Bob Snyder and Carl Seltzer

Training Site – Steve Noll

Roger Weidenhammer will take the initial lead in organizing the training committee. The training committee's first meeting will be on Wednesday September 21st at 7:00pm at the Berks County Fire Training Site.

Cumru Twp: Cumru Township Fire Department sent a letter to DES asking for some changes in box alarm structure and cited their rationale for the changes. After some discussion, while some ideas are warranted, it was decided at this time not to make any additional changes until the New World CAD is implemented. There may be a box alarm re-evaluation in the future after the CAD implementation.

Fire Police Assoc: Brian Gottschall communicated during several fire departments radio needs assessments that fire companies themselves are being told that their Fire Police do not need P25 radios for the new radio system because Fire Police are planning on staying on their current legacy system. Bob Englebach communicated, once again, that the Fire Police Association supports the new P25 radio system.

Meeting adjourned at 1955.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 29th, 2011 at 1815 hours in the conference room of Berks DES at Direct Link.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Snyder, BFSWG Secretary

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