



LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE TASK FORCE

Meeting Date: May 11, 2022
Location: Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center
Present: President / Commander - Luke Gerhart
Deputy Commander - Bob Billett
Vice President / Task Force 2 Captain – Merle Weaver
Secretary – Kevin Fuentes
Task Force 3 Captain – Jason Beiler
Task Force 2 Sergeant – Robert Truitt
Member – Les Fazekas

The meeting was called to order at 1300
Merle lead the group in prayer.

A discussion was held with Brian Pasquale, the new LCEMA Director, on the interaction between LCEMA and the Task Force going forward. The PowerPoint was reviewed which resulted in numerous items on how the Task Force can be used. Brian made several suggestions on how the LCEMA can work with the Task Force in regards to obtaining equipment and funds. A “wish list” will be drafted and sent to Brian

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the previous month’s meeting minutes.
A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the previous month’s treasurer report.

Reports

SCTF

No meeting. SCTF is currently undergoing a re-organization due to reduced funding.

Additional Meetings

There were no additional meetings attended.

Task Force Response to Incidents

None.

Website

Discussed the Website with Brian and reviewed the contents.

Task Force Captain Reports

Task Force 1 Captain

Luke discussed an accident in Rohrestown. Single road was closed.

Task Force 2 Captain

Merle reviewed the fire in Reamstown. Almost called out one of the Strike Teams however, the fire was under control within a reasonable period of time.
Zone 3 Fire Police Captain’s meeting is scheduled for May 23rd at Station 39-3.

Task Force 3 Captain

All Station 66 squads are equipped with new signs.
Fire Police Captain at Station 66 has resigned.



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Traffic Unit Inspections

None.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

No report

Fund Raising

Consider doing mailing to fire companies for donations in October. Kevin will draft letter. Discussion on conducting a car show in 2023.

Training

Basic Fire Police class at Station 33 has been rescheduled due to the instructor's illness. Moved to May 24th and 26th with 2 remaining days in June.

Merle is working with Deputy-Chief from Station 33 to conduct T.I.M.S. classes.

Discussed nuggets class to be held on October 29th at LCPSTC. Courses selected were:

Morning class – Terrorism

Afternoon Classes – Accountability, Rank / Span of Control, and Scene Setup

Old Business

Task Force Van

Luke is still stripping it.

Calvary Church

Meeting between Manheim Township and church to be held on May 23rd. Luke will ask for copy of insurance which will cover the Task Force members.

East Petersburg Days

Luke again reported that 25 Fire Police will be needed from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM on September 17th. Will check with representative to determine if Task Force will be receiving a donation. Some discussion on offering a stipend to those who worked. Luke will check with East Petersburg representative to determine if Task Force will be receiving a donation.

Bird-In-Hand Balloon Days

Schedule for coverage will be:

Friday, September 16th – 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM – 8,000 people expected

Saturday, September 17th – 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM – 15,000 people expected

Sunday, September 18th – 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM – unknown number of people expected

At this time the Task Force is looking to receive \$40.00 per hour per Officer. Each officer will be receiving tickets and various items to helping. Kevin recommended offering each Fire Police Officer \$25.00 per shift with shifts being 3 or 4 hours.

Kevin stated letters will need to be mailed no later than July 1st to all county Fire Companies requesting assistance due to the number of Fire Police needed.



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Badges

Luke ordered a total of 7 badges. Luke ordered one badge stating Chief and one stating Deputy-Chief. A discussion was held regarding the use of the chief title.

Fire Police Association

Kevin will draft a letter to the Association and mail it within a week stating we are no longer under their group but would like to discuss how the 2 groups can work together going forward.

New Business

Changes in Titles

A motion was made to officially change the Commander's title to Chief and the Deputy-Commander's title to Deputy-Chief. This will involve changing the Constitution, By-Laws, and SOGs. Kevin will prepare amendments for the next meeting.

Good of the Company

Nothing.

Having no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1600. Next meeting will be on June 8th, at Fivepointville Fire Company, Station 32, starting at 1300.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin T Fuentes
Secretary,
Lancaster County Fire Police Task Force