



# LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE TASK FORCE

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Meeting Date: December 14, 2022  
Location: Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center  
Present: President / Chief - Luke Gerhart  
Treasurer / Deputy-Chief - Bob Billett  
Secretary – Kevin Fuentes  
Task Force 3 Captain – Jason Beiler

Absent: Vice President / Task Force 2 Captain – Merle Weaver  
Guest: None

The meeting was called to order at 1311

An Executive Session was held from 1300 - 1330

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's Report

## Reports

### SCTF

There has been no word from the South Central Task Force regarding their restructuring or overall status.

### Additional Meetings

Luke attended a meeting of the LEPC in early December.

During a HazMat meeting attended by Luke it was announced that the team would be relacing one of their apparatuses.

Luke attended the EMA meeting where the Lancaster County Chaplain Core made a presentation.

### Task Force Response to Incidents

There were no responses to incidents in November. However, Luke stated that the call by Mastersonville involving a motorcycle should have involved the task force.

### Website

Jason stated there was some minor tuning to the site. Scheduled training for the first 6 months of 2023 has been listed.

### Task Force Captain Reports

#### Task Force 1 Captain

Jason has sent out letters introducing himself as Task Force Captain 1. While attending a class at Station 69, Hempfield Fire Company, he introduced himself to the Fire Police Captain and reviewed the Task Force and how it works.



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## **Task Force 2 Captain**

Although absent, Luke read the following report submitted by Merle:

From the middle to the end of December Merle plans on contacting all Task Force 2 companies to identify any changes in Fire Police Captains or contacts.

Merle is planning a Region 2 Fire Police Captain and Lieutenants meeting for February 20<sup>th</sup> at Station 15, Ephrata, at 19:00. He is hoping to invite a representative from PennDot, Frontier, Windstream, and Comcast.

Regarding Zone 3, Squad 61-2 is now available to assist the Task Force. Matt Shenk from LCWC will come out and train all Fire Police on the radios whenever we are ready and scheduled.

Zone 3 discussed lessons learned from recent fires and importance of monitoring and/or contacting water supply on large fires, asking for tanker route and what their wishes are.

Pulse Point is now live in Lancaster County.

## **Task Force 3 Captain**

No report.

## **Traffic Unit Inspections**

No report.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership Committee**

No report.

### **Fund Raising**

Kinzer Fire Company made a donation of \$60. Total of Fund Drive now at \$375.00. Kevin discussed send a letter to OSFC regarding allowing Fire Police organization to apply for OSFC grants.

### **Training**

The following report was submitted by Merle:

Advance Traffic Control 101 will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup> or April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Wednesday times will be 18:00 – 22:00 and Saturday 08:00 – 16:00.

*Note – during this discussion Luke called Mike and finalize the dates as March 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Mele is working on setting up a tentative “Fire Police Control for Expanding Incidents” sometime in March 2023 followed by a real-time Active Shooter drill at Weaver’s Store in Fivepointville.



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Merle is working on scheduling an Advanced Fire Police training at Station 39, Garden Spot Fire Rescue, in the beginning of March as well as establishing a TIMS class.

Luke Stated that Mike would be willing to conduct an ICS 200 class for the Task Force in 2023.

## Old Business

### Fire Police Association

Next meeting to be held on 1/16/2023 at LCPSTC. At that time elections will be held

### Radio Advisory Board

A letter has been sent from Merle to the Radio Advisory Board with the Task Force recommendations.

### PA Tax Exempt Status

Kevin stated that per the attorney, the state has implemented a new system and it is still trying to work out the bugs. No status on our application.

### Constitution

Second reading of Amendment #5.

### Task Force Presentation to EMAs

Presentation of the Task Force to the county EMAs is scheduled for May 17, 2023. There will be 2 presentations, one in the morning and one in the evening. Kevin will be revising the PowerPoint presentation.

### Traffic Unit Certification Requirements List

Issue to be discussed at January's meeting

## New Business

### Posting Meeting Minutes on Website

Kevin recommended posting our meeting minutes on the Website in order to provide transparency as a 501 (c) 3 organization. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to post the minutes on the Website.

### Executive Board Membership

A discussion was held on soliciting Fire Police to join the Executive Board. It was decided the Website should advertise on our site for members.

### Good of the Company

No further items were discussed.



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Having no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1515. Next meeting will be on January 11, 2023 at LCPSTC starting promptly at 1300.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin T Fuentes  
Secretary,  
Lancaster County Fire Police Task Force