



LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE TASK FORCE

Meeting date: June 21, 2023

Location: Station 62

Present: President/Chief- Luke Gerhart
Treasurer/Deputy Chief- Robert Billett
Vice President/Task Force Captain 2- Merle Weaver
Webmaster/Task Force Captain 1- Jason Beiler
Lancaster County EMA-John Beurle

Absent:

Guest: Colleen Gemmill

No Executive Session was held

The Meeting was called at 12:59

Merle conducted the Prayer

Colleen Gemmill- presented new traffic control products-she showed new foldable cones 5 pack for \$350-Pie lights pack of 4 for \$360

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the previous month's meeting minutes. Treasurer's Report for June were approved as presented.

Reports

SCTF

Luke did not contact anyone about getting a regional fire police meeting started back up.

Additional Meetings

Restructuring the task force from Dauphin County

Task Force Incidents

No Incident's since the last meeting

Website:

Jason reported it took over days to renew the website. He is looking into a new company in January and getting prices.

Task Force Captains Reports:



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Task Force Captain 1

Squad 71-2 is in Service being used by Fire Police.

Task Force Captain 2

Merle reported on a dwelling fire in Ephrata Borough-1 medical issue where squad driver was taken to the hospital-He was contacted by station 39 requesting our help with their fair parade. He informed them we would need a letter of request to do that.

Task Force Captain 3

No report

Traffic unit Inspections

No report

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

No Report

Fund Raising

Mary suggested a car show in the spring!

Grants

No Report

Training

Haszmat refresher class coming up Oct 12th at the Training Center-The ICS 200 class starting at the end of October-Looking to schedule advance traffic control in the spring

Old Business

Laptop was reported to be working well had to get a new cord-Holding off on making a decision on the insurance due to the recent development with LCWC. Balloon festival have changes. We will now be working with Jake. Bruce is doing the stage area only. Jake said how we handle traffic is up to the task force. He is getting traffic cones and planning to cut out flagger force. Getting cones from T&W. Balloon Fest will be every year. We requested a porta potty. He will be bringing food around to ones working. Bought 2 canopies and he will put up a tent where flagger force was. Detouring traffic is up to us. Having insurance is more appealing to organizations and will be looking into that in the future. Hours for Balloon fest are Thursday 3pm to 10pm, Friday 3pm to 10pm, Saturday 11am to 11pm, Sunday 11am to 8pm. They paid \$8,000 last year and we are hoping to get atleast that this year. Luke looked into sand for canopies. 60 pound bag \$6.79 Motion for Luke to get what he needs for Balloon fest up to \$200 was made and approved. If Luke needs more come back and present it to the task force.

New Business

It was reported that Matt Shenk from LCWC will no longer dispatch the Fire police task force due to low call volume. County is to blame for low call volume. Fire Chief association not wanting fire police task force. May need to put something together to call officers in to help. They can request that company. How do we put that into simple method? Set up a signal to get



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presets to call. Bypass and get ahead of these guys. We need to write 2 letters addressed to Chief 20 and Matt Shenk not officially notifying the task force. We are not going away. Police have the authority to call the task force. Mr Little is no better than any other Chief in this county. The task force will do more non-emergency events. Putting cancelation in minutes without notification is not correct procedure. Had to hear about this through the grapevine. Most Chief support the task force. Put a system in place. County commissioners' office may need to be contacted or get an attorney. Motion made and approved for folding cones not to exceed \$350

Executive Meeting-

Meetings are closed to the public

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Good Of the Organization

Next Meeting is at The Training Center

Adjournment- 15:21

Notes taken and submitted by Secretary Mary Derr