



LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE TASK FORCE

Meeting Date: September 21, 2022
Location: Station 66 – Lancaster Township Fire Company
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

Absent: Task Force 2 Sergeant – Robert Truitt
Guest: Nate Miele, Branch Manager – Members 1st Credit Union

The meeting was called to order at 1303

Nate Miele presented the benefits of banking with Members 1st Credit Union.

Merle lead the group in prayer.

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.
A discussion was held regarding eliminating one of the savings accounts. Bob will determine which account would be best to keep and close the other.

Reports

SCTF

Luke reported there appears to be no progress on getting the SCTF together. There is a conference at the training center on 9/22/22. Luke may get more information at that time.

Additional Meetings

Luke and Kevin met with the new Ephrata Police Chief and one of his Lt. on 8/30/22. How the Task Force works and the benefits to the Police was discussed using the PowerPoint. The presentation took roughly 1 hour. The Chief stated he would try and have us invited to one of the County Police Chief’s meetings to do a brief presentation.

Task Force Response to Incidents

None.

Website

Jason reviewed the “Donation” button on the Website. Jason also reviewed the training page and announced that the Square (credit card) system was setup.

Task Force Captain Reports

Task Force 1 Captain

No report.



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Task Force 2 Captain

Schoeneck Fire Company is requesting assistance for Cloister Day. Approximately 300-400 people are expected. Merle has arranged for 3 members of Fivepointville Fire Police to assist. He will be billing them for approximately \$220, \$65 per person and some to the Task Force.

May use next Zone 3 Fire Police Captain's meeting to gather all Task Force 2 Fire Police Captains together.

Task Force 3 Captain

Zone 5 meeting was held.

Station 66 will be breaking ground yet.

Traffic Unit Inspections

None

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

No report

Fund Raising

Kevin reviewed the donation letter. Letter was approved and will be sent out.

Training

Merle reviewed a letter he wants to send out to Task Force 2. The board approved the letter. An Advanced Fire Police course will be moved from Station 34 to Station 39. Class to be scheduled for January or February.

Old Business

Task Force Van

Merle will help Luke on 9/24/22 remove the final electronics.

Bird-In-Hand Balloon Days

Luke reviewed the Balloon Days. Task Force received a donation from the organizer as well as numerous contributions from individuals. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase 2 easy-up tents to provide shade at events and calls. Motion made, seconded, and approved to purchase a vinyl sign with the Task Force's name on it. Motion made, seconded, and approved to pay each Fire Police that assisted \$25 per shift. Bob will issue the checks.

Fire Police Association

Merle would like to maintain some relation with the association. A discussion was held on how Merle will approach establishing the relationship.



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Contact Database

Merle working on Task Force 2.

Amendments to Constitution, By-Laws and SOGs

Final reading of amendments to By-Laws and Constitution. Motion made, seconded, and approved to approve amendments.

New Business

Radio Advisory Board

Merle reviewed the spreadsheet with the radio frequencies they use. Merle also reviewed a letter to be sent to the board. Some modifications were made.

PA Tax Exempt Status

Per Luke's request, Kevin contacted the attorney to determine if the Task Force was PA tax exempt. Per the attorney, obtaining that status was separate from the 501(c)3 application. The cost of the process will range between \$300 - \$350. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend up to \$400 to obtain the exemption.

Constitution

Kevin stated that while the Constitution outlines what is to be done if the Task Force is dissolved, the process may be too easily done. Kevin will draft an additional amendment outlining the process.

Social Events

A discussion was held related to the use of the Task Force to assist at social events not sponsored by municipalities. While the Task Force will not be widely used, it may assist at the Bird-In-Hand Balloon Festival as an annual fund raiser.

Good of the Company

Merle stated he has used the One-Drive folder structure for document storage that is acceptable to others. He would like to set-up the same for the Task Force to share documents.

Having no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1601. Next meeting will be on October 12th, at LCWC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin T Fuentes
Secretary,
Lancaster County Fire Police Task Force