



LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE TASK FORCE

Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

Location: LCWC

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: Joonathan Beuerle
Ben Herskowitz – Deputy Director, LCEMA & Chief, Station 2

The meeting was called to order at 1304

Merle lead the group in prayer.

Jonathan Beuerle introduced himself. He will be the primary contact between LCEMA and the Task Force

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 word on status of the SCTF.

Additional Meetings

Luke attended a meeting of the LEPC on 10/6/22.

Task Force Response to Incidents

Merle discussed the Task Force call September 27, 2022. Due to a fatality on Rt. 222, the roadway was closed southbound requiring significant detours. The initial dispatch was for the entire Task Force 2 rather than start with Strike Teams. Units from Berks County were also dispatched as Station 17 requested 222S be closed at the Rt. 568 exit. There was some initial confusion from some of the Station 17 officers.

In a follow-up call with Merle, Reamstown stated they would be meeting with Adamstown, Station 11, to develop a plan for future events such as this. The Task Force will be asked to participate once the initial plan has been developed.

Website

Everything has been updated. Task Force license plate has been added to the site's store.



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Task Force Captain Reports

Task Force 1 Captain

Columbia Fire Department, Station 80, has a new Fire Police Captain and Lieutenant. Luke will try to meet with them to discuss their continued participation.

Task Force 2 Captain

Merle is looking to hold a meeting of all Task Force 3 Fire Police Captains and Lieutenants sometime in January or February.

During the Zone 3 meeting with was reported that representatives of the Radio Advisory Committee will be conducting training on the new radio protocols.

Captain 39 and Lieutenant are training to become instructors for Fire Police courses.

Task Force 3 Captain

Recent Willow Street fatality should have been a Task Force call.

Station 66 will be breaking ground for their new station on 10/29/22.

Traffic Unit Inspections

None

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Merle stated several applications may be coming.

Fund Raising

Kevin reported several donations have already been received from the fund drive. He will provide a report of donations received the prior meeting at each upcoming meeting.

The topic of obtaining grants was discussed with Jonathan.

Training

Merle has sent a letter to Brett Faschnacht regarding training. Nuggets class scheduled for 10/29/22 at LCPSTC starting at 8:00 AM.

Radio training is in planning.

Old Business

Task Force Van

The van will be listed this week.

Fire Police Association

Meeting on 10/17/22 at LCPSTC.



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Contact Database

Merle is continuing to update the database. During his discussion with Station 61 he was informed that Squad 61-2 can be added to the Task Force as an additional resource. Kevin will add unit and forward to LCWC for updating of dispatch.

Radio Advisory Board

A discussion was held regarding the Advisory Board's thought of not allowing Squads and Traffic Units to inform the County when they are responding. Kevin stated that Fivepointville Ambulance, Station 36, uses a method to electronically inform county when they are responding. Using that example, Ben demonstrated the process which involves signing into the CAD and selecting the unit responding. After additional discussion, the group agreed to recommend to the Advisory Board that they take the position that as of a specific date, such as July 1, 2023, Squads and Traffic Units will be required to use the method or not contact the county at all. The general feeling is that with some simple setup and training, use of this method will be successful.

PA Tax Exempt Status

Kevin stated he is working with one of the attorney's assistants. One of the items is a proposed budget for 2023. Kevin will discuss with Bob.

Constitution

Deferred to the November meeting.

New Business

Tony Riccardi

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send a donation of \$100.00 to the Harleystown Fire Company in memory of Tony Riccardi, who passed away in September.

Good of the Company

Merle stated that if the Task Force assists at next year's Bird-In-Hand Balloon Festival he has some recommendations to make. We will wait until June or July to determine if we are asked to assist.

Having no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1538. Next meeting will be on November 9, 2022 at Station 32, Fivepointville Fire Company.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin T Fuentes
Secretary,
Lancaster County Fire Police Task Force