



LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE TASK FORCE

Meeting Date: February 8, 2023
Location: Witmer Fire Company – Station 62
Present: President / Chief - Luke Gerhart
Treasurer / Deputy-Chief - Bob Billett
Vice President / Task Force 2 Captain – Merle Weaver
Secretary – Kevin Fuentes
Task Force 3 Captain – Jason Beiler

Guest: Bob Zug – Willow Street Fire Company
Ron Swayze – Willow Street Fire Company
Brian Stauffer – Reamstown Fire Company
Les Fazekas – Bir-In-Hand Fire Company

An Executive Session was held from 1306 – 1319.

The meeting was called to order at 1319.

Merle conducted the 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's Report

Reports

SCTF

No report.

Additional Meetings

The LEPC meeting has been rescheduled.

Task Force Response to Incidents

None.

Website

The Website is up for renewal in March. Motion made, seconded, and approved to pay the renewal. A link to the LCFPA webpage has been added.

Task Force Captain Reports

Task Force 1 Captain

Jason is trying to meet with the Fire Police Captains within Task Force 1.

Task Force 2 Captain

Meeting of all Fire Police Captains within Task Force 2 is scheduled for 2/20/23 at Station 15 starting at 1900 hours.

Task Force 3 Captain

No report.



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Traffic Unit Inspections

Merle was contacted by Station 10, Marietta, requesting a list of items needed for certification. Merle explained we are revising the list and they are willing to wait.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

No report.

Fund Raising

No additional donations. Some discussion on sending a follow-up letter.

There was a discussion on moving forward with developing a training program with Mike that we can use to seek a DHS grant.

Training

Merle reported:

Advance Traffic Control 101 will be held on March 20th, 22th, and March 25th at LCPSTC.

Basic Fire Police on June 6th, 8th, 13th, and 14th.

Working on scheduling an Advanced Fire Police at Station 39.

Drive to Survive class at Station 76 on 2/27.

Old Business

PA Tax Exempt Status

No status on our application.

Task Force Presentation to EMAs

Will discuss in April.

Traffic Unit Certification Requirements List

Merle handed out new list of items that would be needed to be Pub 213 compliant. Discussion was held regarding the list and all agreed that we should develop a 2 tier certification process, one equal to our current certification and another, using the new list, that would allow the unit to be State certified.

This item will be further discussed in March.

Turnpike Detours

Merle is finalizing a meeting with the Turnpike Authority to discuss the issue(s) arising from closing the turnpike. He will report next month on the date and time.

Fire Police Contact List

Discussed getting a list of contacts for Task Force 1 and 3 similar to the list developed by Merle for Task Force 2.



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New Business

Traffic Lights

Merle discussed how he would like to get a key to the traffic lights at the intersection of Col. Howard Blvd. and Rt. 272. Key would be used to switch the light on flash during times there was a detour of Rt. 222. There was a discussion on whether a member of the Task Force would be authorized to work the light as it is on a State road and is owned by East Cocalico.

Supplies

Kevin discussed the Task Force purchasing supplies to be used by both the Task Force and other Fire Police. Kevin will research costs associated with cones and signs.

Pop-up Canopies and Signs

Luke stated he would like to purchase 2 pop-up canopies and signs to be used at Special Events or dispatches. A motion was made, seconded and approved for Luke to purchase 2 canopies at a cost not to exceed \$75.00 each and 2 signs not to exceed \$90 each.

PowerPoint Presentation

Kevin showed the revised presentation that will be given at the Task Force 2 Captains meeting.

Telegram Application

Merle recommended we start a Telegram group for the Task Force. He will be setting up the group and inviting the members.

Trailer

Luke stated he is willing to donate his cargo trailer to the Task Force. Luke and Bob will look into the cost for the title transfer, insurance policy, and lettering.

Good of the Company

No further items were discussed.

Having no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 1539. Next meeting will be on March 8, 2023, at Lancaster Township Fire Company, Station 66. Executive Session from 1300 – 1330 with the general meeting starting at 1330.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin T Fuentes
Secretary,
Lancaster County Fire Police Task Force