



# LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE TASK FORCE

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Meeting Date: November 9, 2022

Location: Fivepointville Fire Company – Station 32

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

Absent: Treasurer / Deputy-Chief - Bob Billett

Guest: Bob Zug – Fire Police Captain – Willow Street Fire Company  
Brett Fassnacht – LCEMA (now responsible for Training and Education)

The meeting was called to order at 1304

Merle led the group in prayer.

There were 3 corrections to the previous month's minutes:

President / Commander should be changed to President / Chief

Deputy Commander should be changed to Deputy-Chief

Joonathan should be changed to Jonathan

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the previous month's meeting minutes as corrected.

The previous month's Treasurer's report was not available.

## **Reports**

### **SCTF**

Luke stated he had no information regarding SCTF. Brett stated that they are in the process of re-organizing. There may be cuts and may be revising their education program. At this time, they are returning their funds back to the counties for dispensing.

### **Additional Meetings**

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

### **Task Force Response to Incidents**

None

### **Website**

Squad 17-3 is being highlighted this month on the Website.



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## **Task Force Captain Reports**

### **Task Force 1 Captain**

As Jason has moved to Columbia, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to appoint him Task Force 1 Captain. Jason will vacate the Task Force 3 Captain.

### **Task Force 2 Captain**

Squad 32-1 will have an arrow board installed. Task Force 2 Captains meeting scheduled for 2/20/23. Zone 3 Fire Police Captain's meeting to be held on 11/21/22 at Station 32.

### **Task Force 3 Captain**

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

## **Traffic Unit Inspections**

None. May be giving Schoeneck Fire Company, Station 19, a Detour Kit for their squad.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership Committee**

Resignation of Robert Truitt was accepted. Luke will contact him to get any LCFPTF items back. Merle stated he is looking at replacing Bob with the Fire Police LT. from Schoeneck Fire Company.

### **Fund Raising**

LCFPTF received \$175.00 in October. Kevin will start investigating possible grants.

### **Training**

Merle reported the Nuggets class held on 10/29/22 went well. Traffic 101 class is in progress. Currently working on scheduling an Advanced Fire Police course in 2023.

Brett stated that LCEMA is still looking to hold a training workshop with Police Departments, Fire Companies, EMS, and the Task Force to identified common training. Initial meetings will be with individual groups and then as one single group.

## **Old Business**

### **Task Force Van**

The van was sold for \$500.00.

### **Fire Police Association**

Meeting on 10/17/22 did not have a quorum. Next meeting in January will allow attendance via ZOOM. At that time elections will be held.

### **Radio Advisory Board**

Merle reviewed recommendations from Task Force.



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## **PA Tax Exempt Status**

Kevin is still working with attorney on gathering the remaining needed information.

## **Constitution**

Amendment #5 was read.

## **Task Force Presentation to EMAs**

Luke and Brett discussed having the Task Force do a presentation to the County Emergency Management Coordinators in 2023. Brett will arrange a time with Luke.

## **New Business**

### **Structure of Executive Board**

Kevin discussed whether the Lt and Sgt from each Task Force should be members of the Executive Board. After some discussion the Board determined they should not. Kevin will create an Amendment restructuring the Board.

### **Traffic Unit Certification List**

Merle discussed the current list of equipment required for certification of traffic units. At this time the list may be out of date. There was some discussion regarding getting word out to the county fire companies regarding the new requirements. Bob Zug objected to the Task Force telling companies. There was further discussion related to having the notification sent from both the Association and Task Force. No discussion was made.

### **Bird-In-Hand Balloon Festival**

Luke announced that next year's festival will be September 14-17 (four days). He plans on starting discussions with the organizers in April or May.

### **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 1553. Next meeting will be on December 14, 2022. The location is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin T Fuentes  
Secretary,  
Lancaster County Fire Police Task Force