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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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January Advisory Board Notes 01-16-2014

DES Report: Beau Crowding

- Rebanding: Report pushed to CCFCA Regular Meeting 1-21-14
- New Radio System: Tower work starts on 1/20. Local repeaters will start to be taken down. Starting in the South. The original portable radios in bid by Harris are being discontinued. Harris is upgrading us to the new model radios. The County will be sending out a spec sheet on the radio equipment so a company can purchase their own equipment at the County pricing.
- Training Facility: Report pushed to CCFCA Regular Meeting 1-21-14
- New CAD: Mike Murphy was in attendance to finalize the new default responses for the CAD. Will be making a presentation for March's regular meeting.
- Paging: Report pushed to CCFCA Regular Meeting 1-21-14.

Districts:

North- Met last week. Met with Senator Rafferty about the PA Bridge restrictions and what can be done about the permits. Sen. Rafferty worked with PennDOT District 6 and there will be one permit to cover all the eligible apparatus in your first due area. There are no fees, and look for the documents in about 3 weeks. PennDOT is also working on wording to cover your apparatus on mutual aid calls through the statewide mutual aid agreement. Senator Rafferty also confirmed with his Federal counterparts that the volunteer fire companies will be exempt from the Affordable Healthcare legislation.

South- Meeting next week.

East- Gave a heads up to the new CAD responses and that the AB was working on a solution.

West- Not Present

Central- Nothing.

Fire Police- Will be hosting a Basic FP Class this weekend and an Advanced class in February at the PSTC.

EMS Council- New EMS numbering to go into effect on February 1st.

New Business:

- The County will be upgrading the MDCs in the fire apparatus. They are currently the oldest units and are experimenting with another laptop style or a convertible screen that can lay flat and work as a tablet. Hope to have two test units installed in apparatus for display in an upcoming Chiefs meeting. May be going to a 5 year rotation to keep the equipment in warranty.

Next CCFCA meeting will be at the PSTC on January 21th 2014.