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September Advisory Board Notes 09/05/2024.

DES Report:

- County Property Tax Credit: First rounds of checks mailed out in August. Direct Deposit was abandoned.
 - 8 People have requested a review after a denial. 7 of those are expected to be approved.
 - 5 instances of couples jointly earning over 100%
 - Audits were completed by the Controller's Office.
 - Need to have proper records to match numbers
 - Name on Eligibility List and Self Identification form must match Property Deed.
 - Changes for 2025: Received Comments and Feedback sent to Commissioners and Finance for review
 - Agencies will need to submit both the points sheet and the notarized eligibility list
 - Working to define a process for correction requests
 - Working to have confirmation notice sent for Self-Identification Forms.
- New Pagers/Paging System – 3 RFP Responses were received
 - 2 Proposed a POC SAG Solution, 1 Proposed a Text to Voice Solution. DES is reviewing
- 2026 Radio Equipment Upgrades: All 3 major vendors will most likely be submitting bids. Have talked with JVC Kenwood and Motorola, have not talked to Harris yet.
 - Equipment will be rolled out in phases with Police going first so they can have encrypted transmissions
 - Surplus equipment will be used to keep Fire/EMS radios going until their replacement after Phase 1 Roll Out.
- RES/Squad CAD Updates: Cutover occurred June 25th. Heavy Rescues 25, 53, 68 and 47 to be added.
- PECO has been less than responsive on meeting.
- Voice Radio – Looking to drop cross streets to help with dispatch overruns.
- ARPA Funds Received: Police Radio Replacement, FF Foam Replacement for Foam Trailer, Field Data Infrastructure (CAD Software), County Building AED Replacement, Law Enforcement response equipment (MIRT/SWAT)

Districts:

- **North** – Next meeting is 9/11 at Ridge. Asked if dispatchers can annunciate or speak louder over the radio. Voices trailing off. Justin said its within your right to ask them to speak up or call into the supervisor.
- **South** – Meeting Coming Up
- **East** – Looking at Apparatus Assignments
- **West** – Nothing to report
- **Central** – Asked about the Tax Rebate Direct Deposit.
- **EMS** – Had a good response to the EMS Panel and showing of Honorable but Broken. EMS in Crisis showing. Updated BYPASS Command VTR was not accepted. Some stations are abusing it and there needs to be more enforcement.
- **Fire Police** – None
- **RTF** – Planning for events after Summer.
- **FTF** – Looking to reduce the size and scope of the FTF. Surrounding counties have disbanded theirs.

Old Business:

- Training Engine: Hoping to be on display in October
- Ops Committee – Nothing to report

New Business:

- Golf Outing – May 5th at Whitford CC.
- Gerry and Mike possibly to have a discussion with some of the Career Chiefs on their input.
- Looking for interest for upcoming 2025 CCFA elected positions. Gerry and Neil will not be running.
- T-Mobile Rep at meeting to help stations or individuals with what T-Mobile has to offer.
- Fireline Mobile Gear Cleaning – Can process 36-42 sets a gear at your firehouse. Do advanced cleaning and inspection in accordance with NFPA. Can do repairs as well, but gear would need to be shipped out and 5-7 day turnaround time typically. This is not a replacement for station gear washing, but in addition to.
- Pro Team – a local replacement for Occupational Health for Military and First Responders only to be setup in West Chester shortly. <https://www.proteamtactical.com/>