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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY

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March Advisory Board Notes 3/05/2026.

DES Report:

- Paging - Still working on CAD interface, RMI will be at the April Meeting to present and go over accessories.
- County Tax Rebate - 12 departments did not submit, many were EMS depts. 1 was late.
- Hazmat - New Hazmat 15-2 is going through driver training.
- Radios – DES is out of spare batteries and antennas. Fire/EMS radios is planned for a 2028 budget proposal. With PD channels going encrypted you can use the municipal channels to talk with the PD. Event Channels for planned events can be utilized and will not be encrypted.
- SMU Status – Is working again.
- Interoperability - Waiting on DELCO to be able to program their channels in our radios.
- FM Lance has completed his training and is being released into the wild.
- PulsePoint VR - do not put screenshots or content from Pulse Point on Social Media
- First Due - Call alerting is not meant to be a primary incident alerting program. The County's official alerting system is the fire pagers. Information is sent to First Due out of CAD every 60 seconds.

Districts:

- **North** – Meet next week on the 11th at Ridge. Met with OJRSD, initial response was not at this time. Working on gathering data for them to go back. Brought up about future FD/EMS Channels and if they will be encrypted please make sure responders have an ability to hear critical messages. Justin said that radios will have the ability to encrypt, but not discussing encrypting the channels at this time.
- **South** – Meet end of the month
- **East** – Not Present
- **West** – Met last week at Honeybrook. Nothing to bring back. Having discussions on regional trainings
- **EMS** – EMsoft money spend down by June 1st. If you have ambulances, please reach out to Chaz. \$143K to spend. County is looking to buy a MCI Tanuck
 - First Due had a big outage last weekend. They working with First Due to make up for it.
 - GFAC providing tactical EMS coverage to the ERT temporary
- **FP** – Had meeting on March 1st. Annual Picnic in May.
 - Make sure a FP Task force is needed before dispatched
 - Remember FP are to be used for Emergency Scenes. Should not be fulfilling requests from Utility and PennDOT requests. Remember what Title 35
- **RTF** – Progress

Old Business:

- Hero Fund - March 27th, Hero Fund Comedy Night at Kennet
- Continue to send feedback on municipal and school tax rebate ordinances. Sly willing to assist where needed to keep that momentum going.
- Career Chief - Bylaw changes. Second reading would be in March.

- Meeting with East Whiteland – Trying to schedule for later in March
- Ops committee is working on policy for assigning Ops channels.
- Mutual Aid agreement creation in progress.

New Business:

- Dive/Rescue 77 - New truck recommendation will be Utility with UAS 77
- Bariatric Ambulance - Thinking on a designation for a dedicated unit.
- CCFCA will participate with Dispatcher appreciation week
- Relief Reform is being worked on. Base level funding for each department. Will be response metrics.
- June CCFCA Picnic at Valley Forge
- EMS and Fire working with DES to eliminate AVL as a primary response agency.
- Working on making Trees/Wires Chief Notifications if they want.
- Golf Outing is May 4th