

**West Deptford Township
Emergency Service Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes October 19, 2020**

The Emergency Services Coordinating Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020. The meeting was held via zoom and in person participation due to COVID-19. Chief Golle called the meeting to order at 1930 hours, then saluted the flag with a moment of silence in remembrance of Lt. Kenneth Dechen.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted. A motion was made by Chief Pickering to accept the minutes, seconded by Chief Gill, all in favor.

In Attendance

Colonial Manor	Chief Thomas Pickering	Present
	Alt. Kevin Nordaby	Present
Greenfields	Rep. Joe Gill	Present
	Alt. Dave Misilewich	Present
Thorofare	Chief Brian Golle	Present
	Alt. W. Fanslau	Absent
Verga	Chief Anthony Ferriola	Present
	Alt. Jeff Bilger	Absent
Mayor	Mayor Denice DiCarlo	Absent
Public Safety Chairman	Committeewoman Megan Kerr	Present
Mayor's Alternate	James Mehaffey	Present
Township Liaison	Lieutenant Grant Worrell	Present
Citizen at Large	T. Sullivan	Present
Citizen at Large	R. Harris	Present
Recording Secretary	Latiya Holmes	Present
Emergency Management Coordinator	Bill Gigliotti	Present
Vehicle Maintenance	Bill Gigliotti	Present
	Alt. Tom Jefferson	Absent

Fire Official Report:

Mr. Austin gave the fire official report for March- August. Fire Prevention contest ends on Friday, October 23rd.

Vehicle Maintenance:

Mr. Gigliotti gave the vehicle maintenance report. Hose and ladder testing will be scheduled soon. Pump testing will be prepared and arranged with purchasing. Chiefs were advised that work orders are formatted a little different with the new system upgrade. Chiefs will receive a walk-thru of the new system and changes.

Training Committee:

No report.

SOG:

No report.

Township Chiefs Meeting:

Chief Gill gave a brief update. The Chiefs had their first meeting with the new Fire Administrator. They discussed the mutual aid plan; (district-wide along with the mutual aid companies coming in to the plan) There was also a discussion of emergency reporting software.

County Chiefs Meeting:

No report.

Master Plan:

No change.

OEM:

Completed.

Mayor Comments:

Deputy Mayor congratulated Rick Harris on his recent recommendation as the Fire Administrator. He also suggested adding a report on the agenda moving forward.

Rick Harris thanked everyone for welcoming him on board and advised that he is available for any questions or concerns that may come up. He's looking forward to working with everyone.

Public Safety Chairman:

No report.

Township Liaison:

No report.

Citizen at Large:

Mr. Sullivan briefly mentioned the Chief's meeting and stated that the recording system training is important and should be accomplished sooner rather than later. Mr. Sullivan had a question about the outcome of the mutual aid plan that was discussed in the meeting. Chief Golle advised there was a discussion of the companies that were coming in on the day time. Fire Administrator, Rick Harris, followed up and there was a discussion about the amount of responses, weekend coverage and preliminary agreement for 7 days, which will go back to membership and be followed up by further discussion. Mr. Sullivan also asked for a copy of the Master Plan.

There was also discussion about consolidation, including the process from inception until current day. Mr. Mehaffey and Mr. Sullivan provided comments. Mr. Sullivan briefly discussed billing and how it works.

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No comment

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Chief Pickering stated that there is fit testing on October 29th.

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Chief Ferriola congratulated Rick Harris on his appointment as Fire Administrator. There will be a sexual harassment training October 20th at 7:00 PM and November 21st & 28th there will be a live fire in Burlington County.

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Chief Golle discussed the Solvay drill. The members will be limited to Thorofare only due to COVID.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Dallas McKinney: Discussed background checks, including drug testing and wanted some clarifications on reimbursement of funds and what are the disqualifications that prevent membership.

Chief Golle advised that the Township Administrator is working on getting reimbursements expedited for fire personnel. Mr. Sullivan discussed the disqualifications and referenced the Township Personnel Manual. There was a brief discussion.

There was also a question about the status of 6-28. Mr. Gigliotti advised that it will eventually be sold on Gov Deals.

Tom Reiger: Asked if there was any assistance for guys that cannot afford to pay for their background check. Chief Golle advised that there is nothing set up at this time, however, the Township will try to expedite the reimbursement of the fees.

Rick St. Petery: Asked if there was timeline or definitive date of the consolidation. Mr. Sullivan advised that is scheduled for December 1st. Mr. Sullivan discussed the background of the consolidation. There was a discussion on the matter, along with background checks with Mr. St. Petery, Mr. Sullivan, Committeewoman Kerr and Deputy Mayor Mehaffey.

There was further discussion and clarification on the consolidation date between the Chiefs and Committeewoman Kerr.

Justin Reiger: Mr. Reiger asked if the Fire Marshall's office has been given to the County. Mr. Austin advised that he was told several months ago that he was going to the County but did not have any definitive date. There was a brief discussion on this.

Next Meeting

November 9, 2020

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mehaffey and seconded by Mr. Worrell at 2030 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Latiya Holmes
Recording Secretary

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ADOPTED ON: _____