

**West Deptford Township
Emergency Service Coordinating Council Minutes
March 12, 2012**

On March 12, 2012 the Emergency Services Coordinating Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Chief Jeff Bilger at 19:30 hours and then Saluted the Flag

Sign-In sheet for March and minutes from February 13, 2012 were distributed. Chief Nordaby made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Chief Zimm. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Bilger suspended normal business to introduce a guest. Parker Smith, resident of WD, informed the group that he saw an advertisement for resuscitation masks for cats and dogs from fire scenes. He purchased and donated to the 4 fire companies.

Joe Gill was sworn in as OEM by Mayor Ray Chintall.

In Attendance

Colonial Manor	Rep. Chief Kevin Nordaby	Present
	Alt. Thomas Pickering II	Present
Greenfields	Rep. Chief Marty Matson	Present
	Alt. Dave Raso	Present
Thorofare	Rep. Chief Phil Zimm	Present
	Alt. Brian Golle	Absent
Verga	Chief Jeff Bilger	Present
	Alt. J Miller	Absent
Public Safety Director	Mayor Ray Chintall	Present
Mayor Alternate	Eric Campo	Present
Police Chief	Craig Mangano	Absent
Township Liaison	John Austin	Present
Citizen at Large	Mike Nahas	Present
Citizen at Large	Chuck Weikel	Present
Recording Secretary	Robert Cargill II	Present
Emergency Management Coordinator	Joe Gill	Present
Vehicle Maintenance	Tom Jefferson	Present
Public Works	Ed Coates	Present

Fire Official's Report

February 2012 Revenue in fees & permits is \$4255.00. See attached. John Austin completed 28 inspections and 10 re-inspections, and Dave Raso completed 16 inspection and 4 re-inspections. The investigating report is low, just a false alarm at Greenfields Elementary school in which a popcorn machine triggered the alarm.

Vehicle Maintenance Report

Tom Jefferson reported the following are still open on 621-repairs, 632-exhaust, he needs insurance information from John. Tom also stated that weather pending, 666 will go up to Johnson Towers, and weather permitting get all the requisitions for pump testing. Each chief should submit vehicle maintenance paperwork so John and Tom can coordinate.

Training Committee

Verga and Colonial Manor will offer CPR to the rest of the township. I300's will be offered in May by Gloucester County.

SOG

No report

Police Chief

No report

Township Chief's Meeting

No report

Gloucester County Chief's meeting

Chief Zimm reported that the County has implemented an Exploratory Committee (made up of 3 members of the Police Chiefs Association, 3 members of the Fire Chiefs Association, 1 member of the Mayors Association, a rep from the Communications Center the County Fire Coordinator, 1 Freeholder, and a citizen at large) empowered to investigate whether or not GC should move forward into the 700 megahertz system and advise which way to go. The remainder of the 500 megahertz frequencies was all sold off, so that's not a possibility for Gloucester County. Also reported, the State Highway Response Plan will be adopted in May affecting 95, 295 and 42 corridors and will be encompassed from Maine to Virginia.

Township Liaison

No report

Mayor's Alternate

Eric Campo, Township Administrator reported that he was unable to obtain the township's ISO rating for this meeting but expects to have and report for April. He also announced to the group that department budget meetings are currently underway and ensured that each Chief will be part of informative budget meetings.

Public Safety

Joe Gill told the Mayor that his number has been added to the County system for alerts. Mayor Chintall and Eric Campo, Township Administrator requested that the fire chiefs text or alert either one of them on the scene of any major scenes.

Citizens at Large

Mike Nahas and Chuck Weikel had no comment, but Chief Zimm stated that West Deptford fire companies are covered by WD insurance when on County special teams; he thanked Eric for confirming this and providing the information.

OEM

Joe Gill reported that he met with FEMA recently regarding his application of 2 separate recovery grants and expects to receive recovery money totaling \$16,700 from Hurricane Irene within the next 2 months. This is to be divided between the 4 fire stations and the Board of Education. Joe updated the group as

to the current mitigation of grant money regarding the buyout of 5 homes on West 1st Avenue. This is not expected anytime soon, FEMA can take up to a year to review the applications.

Old Business

Ed Coates stated Judy Hulmes needs driver license lists for Verga, Thorofare and Greenfields.

New Business

Chief Zimm thanked everyone who responded to the recent fire scenes in Verga and Marple Farm and noted how well everyone worked together.

Public Comment

Report Attached. Each Chief signed a capital purchase requests for 2012 totaling 50K for turnout gear (including helmets, gloves, hoods, coats and pants) which the state mandates be replaced every 10 years. Currently, all gear is in good standing but is due for replacement. Eric expects that this should remain intact in the budget as it was last year.

Chief vehicles are also being requested. Currently, the chiefs use the out of service police cars. This is not ideal moving forward due to the need of 4WD-type vehicle vs. sedans. Marty stated that each company is in need, but hopes to get 1 or 2 in this round of budgeting. These vehicles are needed to be the first responder on site, drive through harsh weather conditions and in fields and off-road scenes. This is in addition to the 15k allotment for each company to purchase small equipment funding, making it a capital purchase request.

On behalf of the chiefs, Chief Matson made a request to increase the allotments received for company operating costs and training. Additionally he suggested the idea of finance collaboration amongst companies for necessities such as fuel bills or insurance.

Motion was made to adjourn by Chief Zimm seconded by Chief Matson at 20:23 hours. Motion approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted,


Robert Cargill



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RAYMOND CHINTALL
Mayor

TO: Emergency Services Council
FROM: John H. Austin, Fire Official
DATE: March 12, 2012
RE: Report for the Bureau of Fire Prevention, February 2012

REVENUE

Life Hazard Fees:	0
Local Business Fees:	0
Permit Fees:	\$ 4,230.00
Tickets:	\$ 25.00
Other Penalty/Reports:	0
TOTAL:	\$ 4,255.00

INSPECTIONS/REINSPECTIONS

John	Dave
28 - 10	16 - 4

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLAINTS:
Alarm/Green-Fields School

NEW BUSINESS:
Health Clinic 630 Kings Hwy.
United Benefits 875 Kings Hwy.
Premier Women's Health 875 Kings Hwy.

TOTAL MONEY FOR THE YEAR AS OF FEBRUARY 2012 = \$ 6,373.00