

**West Deptford Township  
Emergency Service Coordinating Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2014**

The Emergency Services Coordinating Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday October 20, 2014. Chief Nordaby called the meeting to order at 1934 hours, he then led the Flag salute and distributed the sign in sheets. Chief Zimm made a motion to approve the September 8, 2014 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Austin. Motion was carried unanimously with suggested edits to the minutes.

**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         | Present |
| Verga                            | Rep. Scott Powell        | Present |
|                                  | Alt. AJ Ferriola         | Present |
| Mayor                            | Mayor Ray Chintall       | Present |
| Public Safety Chairman           | Committeeman Jerry Maher | Present |
| Mayor's Alternate                | Brandon Umba             | Present |
| Township Liaison                 | John Austin              | Present |
| Citizen at Large                 | Mike Nahas               | Present |
| Citizen at Large                 | Chief Samuel DiSimone    | Present |
| Recording Secretary              | Robert S. Cargill II     | Present |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | Joe Gill                 | Present |
| Vehicle Maintenance              | Troy DePrince            | Absent  |
| Public Works                     | Matt Moore               | Present |

**Fire Official's Report**

Mr. Austin gave the attached report and provided an update all on the posters for Fire Prevention Week and talked about the State competition.

**SOG**

Mr. Nissenzone provided an update.

**Vehicle Maintenance Report**

Mr. Moore provided an update that all the fire vehicles are up to date and talked about the Chief's vehicles. Chief Zimm talked about aging apparatus, 6-13 ~~has broken~~ speedometer is broken and parts are discontinued and a partially repaired window. He also inquired about PM maintenance.

**Training Committee:**

Mr. Harris updated of a September 30 meeting held at Thorofare where the group discussed mandatories being completed in February 2015, a Saturday training with all 4 companies and potential 9 West training. Next meeting will be held at Verga on November 5. Mr. Umba stated that LS Power is preparing to go on line and suggested a 10/29 drill at LS Power.

**Township Chief's Meeting**

Chief Nordaby said that his purchase order list was almost prepared. Chief Matson stated that his purchase order list ready with some remainder balance that will be determined once there is a decision on the purchase of a command vehicle.

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**Gloucester County Chief's meeting**

Chief Zimm stated the radio update was the main topic of discussion and gave a detailed presentation. The contract was awarded and equipment is being produced and is expected to be installed within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015. There are 7 towers in Gloucester County. The hopes is to go online in June 2015 bringing in 1 branch at a time. The goal is to be all online by the end of 2015. For a short window of time, there will be 2 radios in operation until the older models can be taken offline.

**Township Liaison:**

None

**Mayor:**

Mayor Chintall suggested the Companies provide their Open House dates and the Township send out a press release and post on website to drive attendance. He commented on his appreciation of the neighboring companies for their participation.

**Mayor's Alternate**

Mr. Umba stated that contracts have been signed and mailed, upon the return of the signed contracts, the Township Committee will approve for the funds to be wired. Chief Matson stated that under the Master Plan a pumper should be purchased, not a rescue. Chief Zimm clarified the truck to be identified as 621 in accordance with the Master Plan. The group discussed the history and past procedures of replacement of apparatus.

**Public Safety Chairman**

None

**Citizens at Large**

None

**Master Plan**

**OEM**

None

**Old Business**

1. Chief Zimm discussed the history of the Chief meetings in which there was a discussion of a merger/consolidation. He brought it up to the table to make sure all present members were on board. Chief Nordaby confirmed that his feelings are the merge should happen with all four companies. Chief Zimm clarified that what happens in a Chief's meeting cannot be memorialized so therefore, he asked for everyone to speak on their thoughts of the merger. Chief Matson stated that Colonial Manor and Verga need to decide before this board can act. Mr. Austin stated the ESCC board should vote on all fire company matters and make the recommendation. Besides finance it will run more efficient and better serve the residents. This needs to be done within a reasonable time table. Chief DiSimone presented an abstention due to him not being trained on the inner workings of the fire companies. CAL Nahas stated that the 3 most important criteria is fire-fighter safety, public safety, and response time. He further recommend the formation of a subcommittee to discuss this further and bring it back to the ESCC. Chief Matson challenged this by stating the 2 companies first must decide how they will proceed before all the Chiefs can decide.

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2. Chief Zimm asked of the status of Hep. B vaccines to which Mr. Austin stated the NJ State grant funding deadline was too tight for his to achieve this year since the notification was delayed. However moving forward he will look to obtain this funding for next year. Mr. Umba stated at this time the Chiefs need to review the records to see who has been vaccinated and who needs updates. Mr. Austin stated this needs the Committee's support to activate the Hep. B program. Mr. Umba talked about a different avenues the Township could take to move forward.
3. Mr. Umba reviewed the costs of the various command vehicles under the state contract. They are the Ford Explorer (\$23,400), the Chevy Tahoe (\$27,479), and Ford Expedition (\$27,148). Chief Matson stated that the equipment that is required of the command vehicles to carry to too much for an Explorer can handle so that a larger vehicle is required. Chief Zimm and Mr. Umba discussed the towing capacity and requirements, and he believes Thorofare's boat is 7000 lbs, although he will double check and report back. Further discussion ensued about, 4WD, ground clearance and purchasing 2 or 3 trucks with the funds available.
4. Chief Matson talked about blood borne pathogens alerts and the Ebola scare; he said that being aware of the arson plan is priority and stressed that all first responders be aware to take all precautions possible.

**New Business**

None

**Public Comment**

1. Mr. Rick Harris thanked Mr. Umba and Chief Nordaby for obtaining the grant dollars to purchase the new apparatus; and thanked all for participating in the discussion of a merger.
2. Mr. Charles Umba Sr. asked about boats and towing capacity, tow-packages and talked about the weight of the boats, stating that his personal boat is 6,500 lbs and is 21 feet. He also recalls at one time, each department was supposed to have one engine and one specialty piece and stated that downsizing is needed due to lack of manpower, especially if a merger does not occur.

At 2054 hours Chief Zimm made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Austin. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert S. Cargill

Recording Secretary

Adopted on (date):

Month/date/year

11/10/2014

MAYOR  
RAYMOND CHINTALL



FIRE OFFICIAL  
JOHN H. AUSTIN

## WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP

### BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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West Deptford, New Jersey 08086

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TO: Emergency Services Council  
FROM: John H. Austin, Fire Official  
DATE: October 20, 2014  
RE: Report for the Bureau of Fire Prevention: **September 2014**

#### REVENUE

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Life Hazard Fees:      | \$ 0               |
| Local Business Fees:   | \$ 3,180.00        |
| Permit Fees:           | \$ 2,072.00        |
| Other Penalty/Reports: | \$ 25.00           |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>          | <b>\$ 5,277.00</b> |

#### INSPECTIONS/REINSPECTIONS

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| John   | Dave |
| 17 / 5 | 3/0  |

#### FIRE INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLAINTS:

9-11 800 Grove Rd. Lipman / Fire Alarm

9-13 550 Jessup Rd. Manor Care/ Building

9-24 286 Mantua Grove Rd. Coim / Building

New Business:

N/A

**TOTAL MONEY FOR THE YEAR AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014: \$122,793.31**