

**West Deptford Township
Emergency Service Coordinating Council
Regular Meeting Minutes February 13, 2017**

The Emergency Services Coordinating Council held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017. Chief Golle called the meeting to order at 1930 hours, then saluted the flag. Minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed and accepted. A motion was made by Chief Matson to accept the minutes, seconded by Chief Lock, all in favor. Deputy Mayor Mehaffey swore in additional committee members that were not available at the prior meeting.

In Attendance

Colonial Manor	Rep. Chief Fred Lock	Present
	Alt. Tim Zane	Present
Greenfields	Rep. Chief Marty Matson	Present
	Alt. Dave Raso	Absent
Thorofare	Chief Brian Golle	Present
	Alt. W. Fanslau	Absent
Verga	Rep. Scott Powell	Absent
	Alt. Forrest Hammel	Absent
Mayor	Mayor Denice DiCarlo	Absent
Public Safety Chairman	Deputy Mayor James Mehaffey	Present
Mayor's Alternate	Committeeman Jim Robinson	Present
Township Liaison	Cpl. John Chambers	Present
Citizen at Large	Mike Nahas	Present
Citizen at Large	M. Huesser	Present
Recording Secretary	Latiya Wescott	Present
Emergency Management Coordinator	Joe Gill	Absent
Vehicle Maintenance	Troy DePrince	Present
	Thomas Jefferson	Absent

Fire Official's Report:

John Austin gave the fire official report for January 2017. There were four fire investigations for the month.

Fire inspections for the month were as follows:

61 inspections 5 re-inspections

New business: ICS Corp (100 Friars Blvd)

John briefly discussed a Volunteer Tuition program offered by State of NJ for family members of first responders who attend NJ Community Colleges.

Vehicle Maintenance Report:

Mr. DePrince distributed vehicle maintenance report for the month.

Maintenance and repair work completed in Thorofare, Verga and Greenfield fire department vehicles. Truck 631 in Colonial Manor needs to have its alternator checked.

The Purchasing Department has requested an additional quote for chassis maintenance, results will be forthcoming.

Air pack flow testing to start on February 20, 2017.

Mr. Mehaffey asked that vehicle spreadsheets include the year of trucks so that everyone understands what truck numbers are being referenced.

Training Committee:

Chief Golle gave his report. All 4 companies have submitted members who are apart of training committee.

They are working on 3 acquired structures within the township. Once completed new members will be asked to help.

SOG:

Mr. Nissenzone gave his report. Still working on previous items and will provide an update as progress is made.

Township Chief's Meeting:

Chief Golle reported that Chief's met on February 5th. Items discussed:

1. Item from previous meeting's public comment- District responses going to buildings
 - a. Mutual aid plan will be followed as written
2. Hessian Avenue Fire
 - a. Companies met and resolved issues
3. Updating budget request with 635 skid unit replacement
4. ISO rating scheduled for March 2nd at 4:30

Gloucester County Chief's meeting:

Chief Lock gave a report. Discussion of resource typing and fire coordinator response from the County. The response has been moved up to the 2nd alarm for a fire coordinator.

Next meeting scheduled for March 9th at Station 6-6

Master Plan:

Chief Golle advised that there were no additional updates since submission.

OEM:

No report

Mayor Comments:

Committeeman Jim Robinson offered a report on behalf of Mayor DiCarlo. Committee had budget meeting on February 4th. No budget issues with requests as presented. The Committee thanked Fred Lock for sitting in the budget meeting.

Jim can be reached via his township email jrobinson@westdeptford.com

Public Safety Chairman:

Mr. Mehaffey thanked Fred again for sitting in for the day long budget session. There was some brief discussion on budget additions.

Only one company submitted for FEMA monies. The general surplus issue is being looked into for possible inclusion in 2017 budget.

2017 grant monies- only two companies submitted for these funds.

Upcoming ISO Rating is scheduled for March 2, 2017. There was also brief discussion on accident policy in place for fire companies. Mr. Mehaffey asked that an update on this issue be given to the Township Committee.

Old turnout gear can be donated and recycled. Fire companies will look into this.

Township Liaison

Mr. Chambers gave his report. There has been issues with insurance adjusters showing up on fire scenes and being overly aggressive. Fire companies were advised that if there are issues at scenes to contact the police department who can have individuals removed from the scene or arrested if necessary.

John Austin stated that there is discussion of a board up ordinance being adopted within the township and more information will be forth coming. Other townships are being contacted for sample ordinances.

There was additional discussion on board up ordinance.

Citizens at Large:

Mr. Nahas thanked Chief Golle for clearing up the issue with Woodbury.

It was noted that Verga was absent from the panel. There brief discussion on the absenteeism policy. It was established that three or more consecutive absences from any member on the board will be cause for them not to sit on the board.

There was a discussion on which districts are part of the township response plan? It was noted that Districts 8,7, 5, 9, 15, 22, 19 are surrounding districts. Mr. Nahas asked if any of those districts are not a part of the mutual aid plan. Chief Golle advised that districts 8 & 22 were not. Mr. Nahas asked Chiefs to look into this and ensure that this a good plan on behalf of the citizens to the extent that it would help reduce response time.

There was further discussion on the Hessian Avenue fire. Mr. Mehaffey asked if a comment will be made on the resolution of the meeting. Chief Golle advised that he met with the Township Administrator and would be happy to sit down with Mr. Mehaffey as well.

6-6 Comments

Chief Matson thanked John Austin and the township water department for installing the new storage fittings on the hydrants at the parking lot. He thanked district crews that came out for the Country Creek fire. No injuries.

6-3 Comments

No comment

6-2 Comments

Absent

6-1 Comments

Chief Golle thanked the water company for storage fittings on hydrants. He also thanked everyone for their help at the Manor Care fire.

Old Business:

FEMA money which was discussed by Deputy Mayor in his report.

There were a few follow issues and a brief discussion on FEMA monies going into the general fund.

New Business:

ISO rating inspection- March 2, 2017 at 4:30 PM

Public Comment

Mr. Matson addressed Mr. Nahas' comment about mutual aid. There was a brief discussion on this issue surrounding safety and which districts are used because of this issue.

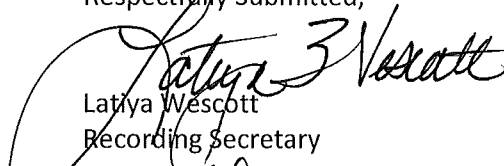
There will be a district wide training moving forward to prevent safety issues.

Next Meeting

March 13, 2017

Motion to adjourn made by Chief Matson and seconded by Chief Lock at 2010 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Latiya Wescott
Recording Secretary

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ADOPTED ON: March 13, 2017