

# **Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission**

**Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2013  
6:30 PM**

## **I Call to Order**

Jamie Goncharoff called the meeting of the Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) to order at 6:40PM. The following members were in attendance: Jamie Goncharoff, Scott Nicely, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Bernie Carroll, Tom Kelly, Richard Ruth and Tom Baynard.

Also in attendance were: Mac Kirkpatrick, Kathi McGrath and Tony Przychodzien (Chester County Emergency Services)

## **II Approval of Previous Minutes**

Julie Hearn-Nicely made a motion to approve the Minutes and Richard Ruth seconded the motion.

## **III Fire Services Committee Report**

Richard Ruth informed the commission that FAME Fire Co. of West Chester which was established in 1838 will be hosting the 2013 PA State Fireman's Convention & State Fire Parade on Saturday, September 28, 2013. There will be more than 5,000 firemen from 300 fire units and estimated 15,000 people lining the parade route. There will be more than 380 pieces of equipment in the parade. Mr. Ruth also reported that he and 36 Firefighters successfully completed their physicals this summer for Lionville Fire Department which results into grant money from the State.

## **IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee Report**

Scott Nicely spoke with John Applegate and reported he recently underwent bypass surgery as a result of his physical. He also reported QRS 74 is retired. Uwchlan Ambulance is expanding its service with new radios. There is a new vehicle code for usage of lights and sirens as the level of emergency call. Uwchlan Ambulance is looking for EMT's and Emergency First Responders.

## **V Training Officer Report**

Tom Baynard informed the commission that he contacted Janet Zeis with the County for upcoming training. Nothing new to report.

## **VI Chairman/Coordinator Report**

- Mr. Goncharoff indicated he received a new radio from the County and systems are changed. If you call 911 on the new radios they do not connect or monitored by the 911 call center as the old radios did because they are on the Fire Channel. If you need to reach 911 call center call them directly using a cell or land line phone.
- Mr. Goncharoff stated the grant money received from the County was given to the Township Public Works Department. They purchased cones, barricades, road closure signs and traffic control signs. Jamie thanked Tony P for the grant money.
- Mr. Goncharoff indicated the importance of the EMPC to be present for the October 23 training exercise at 6:30 PM given by Exelon for a radiological event. And the next EMPC meeting on October 24 at 6:30 PM will be training for the November 19<sup>th</sup> FEMA and PEMA event. The event will be focused on a Terrorism attack. Jamie requested Richard Ruth to request that a Lionville Fire Company representative be present.
- Mr. Goncharoff requested that Kathi McGrath ask Cary Vargo, Township Manger on the status of enrolling cell phones into the Federal program to gain special access.

## **II Old Business**

Nothing new to report.

## **VIII New Business**

Mr. Goncharoff turned the floor over to Tony for overview of the upcoming training exercise on October 24 for the November 19<sup>th</sup> event. Tony stated we will need two computers up and running; one with the Knowledge Center and the other for emails. This will be a pre-staged exercise. Tony will contact the RACES people (Joe Valero or Al) to see if they would be interested in attending the October 24<sup>th</sup> training.

Tony asked Kathi McGrath to make up a roster for Relief Help for the October 24<sup>th</sup> training. Tom Baynard suggested having a few members of the Lion Alert Team present to watch the exercise and Tony thought that would be a good idea to have the volunteers aware of the process. Tony advised the commission not to leave any blanks on the checklist during the exercise and event– put N/A.

**IX     Round Table**

Mr. Goncharoff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and after motion being made and seconded by Julie Hearn-Nicely, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**X     Next Meeting**

**Next Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2013 – Limerick Training at 6:30 PM and Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6:30 PM – regular monthly meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath  
EMPC Secretary