

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

## **Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 25, 2016 6:30 PM**

### **I     Call to Order**

Jamie Goncharoff called the Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) meeting to order at 6:38 PM, and then turned the meeting over to Scott Nicely. The following members were in attendance: Jamie Goncharoff (via conference call), Scott Nicely, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Richard Ruth, Bernie Carroll, Tom Kelly, Byron Nickerson and Cathy Tomlinson.

Also in attendance: Kathi McGrath and Tony P. from Chester County Emergency Services.

### **II    Approval of Previous Minutes**

Richard Ruth made a motion for the Meeting Draft Minutes to be approved and Byron Nickerson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

### **III   Fire Services Committee Report**

Richard Ruth reported there is in-house training happening now at Lionville Fire House. They will be doing HazMat training in March. Richard reported the new radio system is moving along and working well.

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

Scott Nicely reported Uwchlan Ambulance is in the process of purchasing their 5<sup>th</sup> ambulance due to old equipment. There were 29 calls during Storm Jonas. Tony P. mentioned the Public Works Dept. reached out to Uwchlan Ambulance to see if they needed any assistance plowing getting to victims via Ambulance. Jamie mentioned the new radios worked well during the storm.

### **V     Training Officer Report**

Byron Nickerson discussed upcoming Emergency Management Training and also training hosted by PEMA.

## **VI      Chairman/Coordinator Report**

Jamie Goncharoff thanked Cathy Tomlinson for coming back to the commission. Jamie made a recommendation to have Scott Nicely become the new Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and Jamie Goncharoff will move into the Deputy role to replace retired Tom Baynard's position. Jamie made a motion and Cathy Tomlinson seconded it for Scott to be the new EMC, all were in favor. Jamie asked Kathi McGrath to move forward with getting Scott approved for his new position. Kathi had Scott complete the paperwork for a background check and will forward to Chief DeMarco for processing the next day. Jamie encouraged all EMPC members to go to the PSATS Conference if they are interested in any of the classes which are being held in Hershey, PA. There is a one-day course TEMA Conference. If interested, there is room in the budget for attendance if any expenses are incurred.

## **VII     Old Business**

Jamie thanked Tony P. and the County for processing our request for the Generator from the grant money. There is money remaining for another request if anyone can think of something that is needed, to discuss at the next meeting. Jamie asked Kathi McGrath to discuss the status of Organization memberships. Kathi confirmed both Jamie and Scott are current members of PEMA, TEMA and KEMA. Also, Byron Nickerson, Tom Kelly and Bernie Carroll are also new members of KEMA. Jamie turned the meeting over to Scott and Jamie disconnected from the conference call.

## **VIII    New Business**

Identification Cards – All members received their new 2016 ID Badges except Cathy Tomlinson and Julie Hearn-Nicely. They will make arrangements with Allison Orlando in the Police Dept. to have their photo taken. Scott turned the meeting over to Tony P. for the Emergency Management Code Training.

## **IX      Round Table**

Cathy Tomlinson asked if there was anything the commission needed from her as a new member. Scott Nicely asked her to take over as Emergency Medical Services for him since his role has changed and he is now the EMC. Cathy agreed and will be the liaison to the EMS.

Scott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and after the motion being made by Julie Hearn-Nicely, seconded by Cathy Tomlinson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

## **X       Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath  
EMPC Secretary

