

Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 27, 2019 6:30 PM

I Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) meeting to order at 6:31 PM. The following members were in attendance: Richard Ruth, Kevin Cook, Bernie Carroll, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Tom Kelly, Cathy Tomlinson, and Jamie Goncharoff.

Also in attendance were: Kathi McGrath and Tony Przychodzien [(Chester County Department of Emergency Services (ChesCo DES)].

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Cathy Tomlinson made a motion to approve the Draft Meeting Minutes. Richard Ruth seconded the motion. The motion to accept the meeting minutes was passed unanimously.

III Fire Services Report

Richard Ruth reported on training activities conducted by the Lionville Fire Company. They recently trained for water rescues at Marsh Creek and live fire burning at the training center in Coatesville. A ladder truck was brought in for the fire training.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

Cathy Tomlinson reported that West Whiteland had a 35 percent increase in calls and Uwchlan had a 31 percent increase in call outs.

V County Report

- Tony P. (Przychodzien) provided a summary of ChesCo DES activities. The mobile Joint Information Center is fully set up and has tested its capabilities under unified command. Fire services conducted nine training courses with 126 attendees. Spring Firefighter graduation took place on May 8th with 12 cadets graduating. Law enforcement conducted 14 training courses with 278 attendees. EMS conducted eight training courses with 340 students.
- Tony also mentioned that he was working with the FCC on a multi-national language emergency announcement for Chester County residents.
- Tony confirmed CERT Training must be done according to the evolving PEMA requirements and cannot be shortened or adjusted for less time of completion. The pros and cons of lengthening the course was discussed by the EMPC meeting attendees.

VI Training Officer Report

- Byron encouraged EMPC members to suggest any ideas they may have for future training.
- Byron attended the County DES Web EOC training. Also included was a discussion of debris management, which can be a complex problem during a regional incident such as a hurricane.
- He is hopeful to complete his required training for his Basic Township certificate by September 2019.

VII Pipeline Officer Report

- Tom Kelly had nothing new to report.
- Jamie Goncharoff noted one issue within Upper Uwchlan Township regarding the relocation of the pipeline route in the vicinity of Meadow Creek Lane.

VII Chairman/Coordinator Report

Byron mentioned there will be Potassium Iodine tablets distributed to residents within the 10-mile radius of the Limerick Exelon plan at the Kimberton Fire House on August 27, 2019.

VIII Old Business

Tony P. will reach out to ARES and ask if the antenna located on the Schoolhouse is temporary and whether it can be relocated, if the need arises, to the temporary EOC at the Public Works building during the renovation of the Township Building.

IX New Business

- Kathi McGrath mentioned the dedicated telephone lines for EMPC in the Schoolhouse are still working and asked if we should turn the service off during renovation activities to save the Township approximately \$150 per month. The commission decided to cancel the phone lines and reactivate them upon the completion of the renovations of the Township Building in 2020.
- Julie noted that she contacted the Red Cross and they will be able to attend and present at the next EMPC meeting in September. She confirmed the meeting will be held at the temporary township office location. Julie suggested having the Red Cross attend at the next Township Block Party and offered to contact them.
- It was suggested that Tony P. request that ChesCo DES make their mobile EOC available for viewing at the Block Party.

X Round Table

No topics were presented.

Cathy Tomlinson made a motion to adjourn and Julie Hearn-Nicely seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary