

# **Upper Uwchlan Township (UUT) Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC)**

## **Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:30 PM**

### **I      Call to Order**

Byron Nickerson called the EMPC meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The following members were in attendance: Byron Nickerson, John DeMarco, Richard Ruth, Cathy Tomlinson, Kevin Cook, Steve Hirsch, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Jamie Goncharoff and Tom Kelly. Also, in attendance were Kathi McGrath, Secretary; Tony Przychodzien, CC Emergency Services; Betty Brosius, Resident; Jacob Poleviyumaz, Southeastern Region Red Cross; Matt Breidvenstein, Southeastern Region Red Cross

### **II      Guest Presenters**

Byron turned the meeting over to Jacob and Matt from the Red Cross.

- Jacob reviewed the Red Cross campaign Prepare, Respond and Recover.
- Disaster Action Team responds to disasters by assessing damage, giving out comfort kits, blankets and they also offer financial assistance for immediate needs of food, shelter, clothing, shoes and transportation.
- The Red Cross also offers mental and spiritual care at the time of a disaster.
- Mass Care unit needs volunteers. They open and operate shelters in the community and provide mass care supplies.
- Disaster Assessment was discussed. Trained volunteers to assess the disaster by FEMA standards.
- Recovery helps clients begin their recovery after a disaster.
- They offer a “Red Cross House” which is unique to our area providing shelter.

Due to time constraints Byron turned the meeting over to Tony P from the Chester County Emergency Services for the upcoming Limerick Drill.

- Tony handed out a review packet for the Limerick Drill preparation.
- He needed to determine the critical positions to be present for the drill due to social distancing in the EOC.
- A representative from FEMA and PEMA would be evaluating the EMPC's handling of the drill.
- There will be 15 municipalities being evaluated this year.
- Jamie Goncharoff tasked Kathi to ensure there is a dedicated phone number for the EOC due to the recent building renovation.

- Tony went through and reviewed the handout with the Commission answering questions or concerns.

Byron thanked both Jacob and Matt from the Red Cross and Tony P for their time and turned the meeting back to the EMPC for regular business.

### **III Approval of Previous Minutes**

Julie Hearn-Nicely made a motion for the Draft Meeting Minutes to be approved. Richard Ruth seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved. No abstentions.

### **IV County Report**

- Tony discussed the ongoing training with the upcoming Limerick Drill.

Cathy Tomlinson made a motion to end the meeting, Jamie Goncharoff second.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath  
EMPC Secretary