

BURLINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

The December 2, 2010 meeting of the Burlington County Emergency Services Advisory Board was held in the Freeholders Board room and called to order by Chairman Ted Lowden at 1900 hours.

The following Board members were present, Chairman Ted Lowden, John Augustino, John Collins, Phil Drangula, Lee Daneker, and Phil Drangula. From the Department of Public Safety Services were Fire Marshal Mike Reed, Assistant Fire Marshal Dave Gsell. Also in attendance was C. Kenneth Anderson (BCC Fire Science program).

At the conclusion of the reading of the previous meetings minutes, Lee Daneker made a motion, seconded by Phil Drangula to approve the minutes as read. On the question Chairman Lowden pointed out a time discrepancy in the first paragraph, the 900 should be 1900. Correction noted and motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Science

C. Kenneth Anderson submitted his report (attached). He commented on the FESHE (fire and emergency services higher education) Conference that Instructor Taylor attended. Our program is not too far off the model and will be looked at. An EMS degree program is being considered, and the drop rate on the fire detection and suppression class will continue to be monitored.

Training Center

Dave Gsell reported that graduation will be on 1-6-2011 at BCIT Westampton. The next training catalog is complete, it will be on the web shortly and will be hard copied and sent to the Fire and EMS stations. He said a comparison between 2009 and 2010 showed an increase of about 150 on registrations. The flash over cell is still being worked on with the county & vendor and will hopefully be resolved in early 2011.

Public Safety Director

Director Dreby's report was read into the minutes (attached) and covered the following points. Warren Grove tower site is up and running and a radio consultant is on board with Public Safety working on various issues. The replacement of Chief of Communications Jeffery Johnson is being worked on and hopefully resolved in January of 2011. Also, Medford Police will be coming on board for dispatch effective December 29, 2010 leaving only Bordentown Township on their own.

Old Business

None

New Business

Dave Gsell reported that the LTAA notice went out for a second time. So far five have been received by Mike Reed. Chairman Lowden discussed the Fire and EMS Coordinators and the correspondence that he had sent to County Administrator Paul Drayton. On the fire side Barry D. Hunt Sr. was added as an Assistant Fire Coordinator in the Fire Police Sector and on the EMS side the only change was that the Coordinator Matt Hemple stepped down to Deputy position and Bruce Herbst was elevated to Coordinator. A motion was made by John Augustino and seconded by John Collins to endorsement of the Coordinators to the Freeholder Board. Motion carried.

Good of the Order

The next meeting of the ESAB will be on February 3, 2011 at 1900 hours in the Freeholders Board Room. There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1913 hours.

Respectfully Submitted



Michael J. Reed
Fire Marshal

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1. Warren Grove Tower Site has been completed is operating on the system, this completes the radio system as designed
2. Radio Consultant is working with Public Safety on the various issues related to system enhancements and digital television. We have been meeting bi-weekly and are progressing in those areas.
3. We are in the process of replacing the Chief of Communications Jeffrey Johnson who retired October 1. I hope to have that completed by January 1, 2011.
4. Medford Police will be dispatched by the County effective December 29, 2010. One Department remains which is Bordentown Township that has not given any indication to date of coming to the County.

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Report on Fire Science Technology Degree Program

December 2, 2010

The Fire Science Technology Advisory Committee met November 17th in Laurel Hall on the Mt. Laurel campus.

Steve Taylor reported on the June FESHE (Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education) conference. He got a lot of information. Our program is not too far off the FESHE model, but some changes are being made in some courses.

Taylor and Matt Hempel have been teaching an EMS Management class. They are now looking at the Brady text "EMS Management." Dean Edwards reported that this could be accepted as an Experimental Course and given College credit. The course would also be a foundation to build on for an EMS degree program. It can also be used as an elective in the Fire Science Technology program.

I have previously reported to ESAB on our concern about the dropout rate from the Fire Detection and Suppression Systems course. In the last semester, there were 13 enrolled. Ten completed the course. One dropped and two withdrew because of work schedule conflicts. This course is significantly different from the other program courses. Although the numbers will continue to be monitored, we don't think there is as big a problem as earlier thought.

There have been a number of e-mails, phone calls, and meetings with students and prospective students relating to the program itself and transferring credit from other programs and institutions.

C. Kenneth Anderson
Program Coordinator