

Berks County Fire Services Working Group

Meeting Minutes May 26, 2022

Officers: Chair Colin Hackman, Vice Chair Chris Schaeffer, Secretary Mike Kline – Absent

Attendance:

Zone 1:

Zone 2: Blair Miller

Zone 3: Bob Martin

Zone 4: Colin Hackman

Zone 5&6: Chris Schaeffer, Brian Sierocinski, Chris Bickings

Zone 7:

BCFA: Roger Weidenheimer

BCFPA:

BCFTC:

Forestry:

Berks DES: Sean Hart, Michael Smith, Christine Wood

Additional Attendance: Scot Landis

Meeting called to order at 18:01 hours by Chair Hackman. The March 24, meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. There were no additions or correction noted by the group. March 24, 2022 meeting minutes approved.

Zone 1

- Sean Hart spoke with Larry Moyer, which reported nothing for meeting

Zone 2

- No Attendance

Zone 3

- Bob Martin reported nothing for meeting

Zone 4

- Chair Hackman reported the Zone had very little feedback on mutual aid Officers giving direction outside their jurisdiction, such as upgrades or recall of assignments. Feedback that was provided from Zone 4 was three (3) in favor and one (1) against.

Zone 5&6

- Vice Chair Schaeffer reported the Zone discussed, and concerns of liability to the out of area Officer and the home department were voiced. Vice Chair Schaeffer reported it seemed like half were in favor and recommended going with the majority.

Zone 7

- No Attendance

BCFA

- Roger Weidenhammer reported nothing for meeting

BCFTS

- Roger Weidenhimer reported all classes are up on the website. Scot Landis ask if there was a better way to advertise the training website as Departments still are not aware. Roger reported this is an ongoing problem they are trying to work on, getting direct contact to Department's Chief Officers and Training Officers to directly distribute the information. The training website is www.berkscountyfiretraining.org
- Roger also reported difficulty in obtaining apparatus for the training classes and stated they will try and contact Chief Officers instead of relying on students to ask.

BCFPA

- No Attendance

Forestry

- No Attendance

DES

- Sean Hart reports DES is still looking for run card best practices committee. The committee would put together best practices for each call type to insure the appropriate apparatus were listed when the run cards are submitted.
- Sean reported the Schuylkill County joint radio programming has stalled and some Zone 2 Departments are trying to get it moving again.
- Sean reported RMI is reaching out to Departments to complete radio updates. Some Departments have had their radios updated by RMI and still have a few outstanding that need to be completed. Updates need to be completed ASAP.
- Sean reported a training opportunity provided by First Energy for a Live Wires Emergency Live Demonstration at their facility in Muhlenberg Township June 22, Flyer Attached.

Old Business

- Run card committee, anyone interested please contact Christina Wood
- Mutual Aid Officers giving direction outside their jurisdiction such as upgrades and recall of assignments.

New Business

- None

Meeting adjourned 18:22 hours. The next meeting will be Thursday July 28, 2022 at 18:00 hours via teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted
Colin D. Hackman