

Emergency Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2019

<b>Attendees:</b>	
Avondale Fire Company	West Grove Fire Company
	John Chambers – Deputy Chief
	Tom Glass – Past President
	Justin Gattorno – Fire Chief
SCCEMS	London Grove Township
Bob Hotchkiss	Robert Weer – Fire Marshal
	Ken Battin - Manager

1. The minutes were reviewed with no comments
2. The monthly ASHER Training will be at LGT with COMM1. The purpose is to ensure that radio communications works as expected or identify deficiencies. We need personnel with radios to walk through the schools and other various areas. The county is bringing a drone to determine capabilities and will be on site from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.
3. It was recommended that the BOS implement the earned income tax portion of Act 172 Tax Reform for Volunteers. The members of the organizations are asking to have this implemented and is considered a benefit. It was noted that other municipalities have placed limits on the amount receivable. While it would be nice not to have the limits the group highly encouraged the enactment of the tax incentive.
4. The implementation of a fire tax was identified as an action item for 2018 and was push back a year by the committee. However, the group still feels that it is very important to implement the tax. The tax provides dedicated funding, earmarks funds for capital projects, and builds capital for those projects. There was discussion regarding annual budgets and how those funds would be distributed. These would need to be further addressed once the tax is implemented. The BOS are continuing to work on the implementation, however, are working on the entire revenue funding sources. The idea of a Public Service Tax was discussed and should be further investigated.
5. Follow up to the NFPA 1720 compliance is continuing with representatives from agencies. Currently, there are many pieces to the community plan, and they need to be reviewed to develop the overarching community plan. Discussion regarding medical training for businesses lead to reaching out to the bilingual community for partnerships. A meeting to discuss risk analysis and pre-incident planning will ensure that responses reflect risk. Pre-incident planning is a component of the community risk plan that needs to include each emergency service discipline. A review of the meeting will be providing next month.

Respectfully,

Robert Weer