

# Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance

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Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2016

President Corwell called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. at the Franklin County Public Safety Training Center with 14 representatives and alternates in attendance on behalf of 9 municipalities, 3 organizations.

The minutes from the October 1, 2016 meeting were accepted on a Swailes/Shields motion.

Treasurers Report: Beginning balance: \$1798.77. No income or expenses with an ending balance: \$1,798.77. Report accepted on a Negley/Reed motion. Unanimous.

## Committee Reports:

Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with Franklin County DES about alternate methods and develop a plan to move forward with the Fire and EMS Study. Researching several ideas.</li> </ul>
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewing the draft DES Communications Manual with first round of edits to occur at December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please forward any comments to Committee members prior to that meeting.</li> <li>Replacement time presentation was made at the Annual Fall Convention for Municipal Officials, a voice vote at that time was unanimous. Request that all municipalities discuss at their meeting and forward their approval of the 5 minute replacement time to Franklin DES.</li> <li>DES is moving forward with CAD integrated unit specific MDCs/tablets with demonstrations and compatibility with hardware and possible command software to allow departments to best prepare for future purchase to ensure compatibility with future CAD upgrades.</li> <li>Discussed the dispatching of closest units, not necessarily municipal designated units from Box Cards and utilizing Standardized Response Plans as CAD technology increases. In certain situations, exceptions will still need to be made. Several Fire Chiefs have expressed concern as to how this will actually benefit the Communication Center. This will most likely need to be driven by the municipalities if decided to move forward with this program.</li> </ul>
Legislation - Franklin/Adams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer tax relief legislation recently passed, further information needed prior to implementation at each municipal level</li> <li>Representative Shuster's office is interested in having a Town Hall meeting to discuss volunteer fire and EMS issues as well as future radio interoperability issues</li> </ul>
By-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>

General note: Committee members do not need to be Alliance members

### Agency Reports:

#### Franklin Co. Dept. of Emergency Services:

- County EOC exercise for Coordinator certification was held and EMC Keller received his certification
- Training Officer Povlich provided 2016 training report and tentative 2017 plan (attached)

#### EMS Council:

- No report

#### Public Safety Training Center:

- 2017 funding requests will be sent out first of the year
- Working on 2017 course offerings, will include flagger and EMS offerings
- Planning to purchase tables for large meeting room to increase seating and computer interface
- Looking at a Training Facility Coordinator to help manage building and grounds as well as pull all of the various disciplines together

#### Fire Chiefs Association:

- No report

**Franklin County Law Enforcement:**

- No report

**Fire Police Association:**

- Meeting held with several organizations and municipalities in Shippensburg area to discuss challenges with PennDot, PSP, and utility companies. Information was well received and future meetings with additional utility companies are planned to address the delays of their response.
- Suggested that local municipalities w/Active 911 to help with traffic control during daytime of normal working hours. Incident Commander should contact DES if assistance is needed from PennDot through PEMA for their response.

**Municipal Associations:**

- No report

**Old Business:**

- Replacement Time Discussion: Negley/Swailes motion that the Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance support the 5 minute replacement time and encourage all municipalities to show their support with a letter to DES. Unanimous

**New Business:**

- Nomination Committee appointed: Ted Reed, Doug Bitner Please contact them prior to the February meeting if you are interested in an Alliance office position.
- Brief discussion on I-81 Thanksgiving incident, good response and support was greatly appreciated and an after-action meeting will be held to review response and potential improvements, time and location to be announced.
- Several municipalities are interested to receive information on Fire Department billing and incident recovery funding. Any municipalities with information should forward for dissemination.
- Recovery funding from Winter Storm Jonas is starting to be received, please notify DES if there are any issues.

**The Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 @ 8:00 AM, at the Franklin County Public Safety Training Center.** The meeting adjourned at 9:20A.M.

Attendees: Anna Swailes, Don Eshleman, Jr., Kevin Barnes, Shawn Corwell, Jake Crider, Doug Shields, Ted Reed, Patrick Fleagle, Don Whitmore, Randy O'Donnell, Jeff Conner, George Rotz, Robert Povlich, Randy Negley

Respectfully submitted,

By: Donald E. Eshleman, Jr.  
Secretary

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## Summary of 2016 Training for Franklin County Department of Emergency Services



In spite of the late start, due to the high turnover in EMA personnel in the early part of 2016, we were able to implement a very robust schedule for Emergency Service training in Franklin County this year. The plan was drafted and execution began in late March. The following is a summary of the Franklin County Training Program Milestones for 2016:

- 23 separate courses were made available for personnel to attend locally or through county coordination at remote sites
  - o 18 of these were held locally, 12 of them at the FCPSTC  $\approx$  increasing facility utilization 67%
- Variety of courses offered to address the needs of Local Emergency Management Coordinators (EMCs), First Responders, and County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Staff
  - o Required National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses
  - o Hazardous Materials Operations Level
  - o Mass Casualty Incident Overview
  - o Duties and Responsibilities of the EMC
  - o PADOH Ebola Training
- Brought needed training to 219 students through the county coordinated program
- 2084 student training hours were achieved through course offerings
- All training conducted between April and Dec (9 months)

With the program firmly established and coordination between the FCPSTC and FCDES operating efficiently, we are setting the following goals for the training program in 2017:

- Bring at least 2 PEMA G-Series Course to the county (7 other courses in SCTF region)
  - o L-146: Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
  - o G-235: Emergency Planning
- Offer at least 20 in-house classes for Local EMCs, County EMA staff, and First Responders
  - o Continue mandatory NIMS courses (ICS-300 & ICS 400)
  - o HAZMAT Operations Refresher course
  - o Basic/Advanced Fire Police
- Offer a broader range of multi-disciplinary courses for all county Emergency Service personnel
  - o Legal Aspects and Courtroom Preparation for First Responders
  - o Electric Vehicle Safety for Emergency responders
  - o Terrorism Awareness/Operations Domestic Preparation
- Provide at least 2936 student training hours to 261 students from Franklin and surrounding counties

We are currently soliciting nominations for functional area training requirements from the local EMCs. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions for training sessions, please contact me at 717-264-2813 or by email at [rwovlich@franklincountypa.gov](mailto:rwovlich@franklincountypa.gov).

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