



**UPPER LEACOCK TOWNSHIP
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
LEOLA, PA 17540**



A meeting of the Upper Leacock Township Emergency Services Committee was held on Wednesday, 29 March 2023, at the Upper Leacock Township Municipal Building. Members present were Sam Huber, VIA Zoom, large-business representative; Mike King, Upper Leacock Fire Company; Randy Smith, Bareville Fire Company; Jr. Horning, Bareville Fire Company alternate; Bill Howard, VIA Zoom, ESC; Ron Simmons, Township Supervisor; Darrell Fisher, New Holland Ambulance.

Sam Huber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Recognition of Guests:

Dallas Arroyo, Mike Zaleski, Haley Chambers all 61 members.

Public Comments:

None

Reports from the Fire Companies and Ambulance Association:

Bareville Fire Company –

47 calls YTD, 3 folks in EMT class, just completed HazMat Refresher. There was a committee started for building expansion – adding space to house another squad – add 2 bays, space for offices, community restrooms, space for gear washers/dryers, working on budget numbers, discussing space for EOC

Upper Leacock Fire Company –

56 calls YTD, completed HazMat and CPR Refresher Implemented Sargent position to provide development opportunities for members, 2000 Ford F350 has been taken out of service – selling for \$25K. There are two options: 1 – move current command vehicle into a squad position for personnel transport and fire police – purchase new command vehicle; 2 – replace the command vehicle with a basic pickup truck and purchase new command vehicle. Costar pricing is very good at this time. A new Tahoe base price is \$44k. A new pickup truck would be about \$35K. Total for new outfitted command vehicle is approximately \$77K. The estimated sale price for the current command vehicle is \$35K. It was suggested we only do the pickup and delay the command vehicle replacement. ULFC is not asking for funding from the township but will fund internally. ULFC will be providing fire extinguisher training for township businesses with a request for donation.

New Holland Ambulance –

890 calls YTD, NHAA is testing a new CPR assist system – Eleguard, 30 students in current EMT class – graduation June 2023, are providing a lot of community CPR classes for businesses, the current fleet is in good shape but the 2007 will be replaced in 2024. Calls in ULT have been about 210 YTD. Daryl (and his team) received an award from the implementation of the PulsePoint program in the county.

Emergency Management Coordinator –

Training cycles are upcoming for EMC requirements. Attending PSATS training in late April and should have some new ideas to share with the group.

Old Business:

Emergency Operations Center Discussion of Location and Logistics – Bill Howard

The PowerPoint highlights were reviewed. It was previously recommended that the township could host at their building, but the township admin went to Bareville without coming back to the ESC to discuss this option.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Ron Simmons stated that all of the Supervisors were in agreement to not have the Township Building as the EOC and to explore the possibility of other options. The Township offered to purchase the generators for Bareville Fire Co.

It seems from the EMC's perspective the current BFC isn't an adequate location as an EOC due to no emergency power and available space. ULFC is willing to host if that is the best location at this time. When BFC completes their project, if this provides a better location, we could certainly move to that location.

Motion was made to set up ESC at ULFC until BFC is set up with emergency power.

EMC information to fire officers – Bill Howard

Information resources for fire / ambulance officers. This is in the process of being updated. Will be provided at next meeting.

Upper Leacock Staffing via ULT employees or BFC members – Sam Huber

No discussions on this recently.

Emergency reporting software – Mike King / Randy Smith

The State fire commissioner has not appointed a preferred vendor. ULFC has not made a decision to purchase. BFC has not made a decision to purchase a particular package. You may need to use the state approved system to be eligible for grants (but that has not been finalized yet). But any system has to be able to populate the state databases.

Automatic Alarm Ordinance – Sam Huber

We need the committee to review this for clarity and what we determine to be fair requirements for the owner AND the fire service. Enforcement needs to be owned by the township and not the fire companies. Members should review the ordinance and Sam will prepare a flow chart that hopefully clarifies the ordinance and provides guidance for simplification of the ordinance.

Table-top drill planning – Bill Howard

Intent is a plan for assessing a train derailment within the township. Is this the best scenario right now or should we do a mass casualty drill based upon recent happenings in the US? It appears we can do a storm event, train derailment, or mass casualty. The decision was to do a mass casualty even that doesn't involve a shooting incident (most likely a CO exposure event).

New Business:

Review emergency vehicle replacement schedule – Sam Huber

Postponed until next meeting.

Water system wellhead protection maps to emergency services – Sam Huber

Will reach out to Mike Morris to get this map and water service maps.

Emergency Operations Plan -- Bill Howard

This gets a yearly review and we will need to set up a plan review with all the emergency services organizations. Bill will send out some dates for members to select Automatic Alarm Ordinance.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2050 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 1830 hrs at Upper Leacock Township Municipal meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Howard

Secretary