



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



ESC Meeting Minutes

Monday, 20 November 2023, 1830, hrs

Call to order / attendance:

- X Randy Smith – chief 31 *
- JR Horning (alternate 31)
- X Darrell Fisher – chief 37 *
- X Mike King – chief 61 *
- X Kristine Gagne (alternate 61)
- Bill Howard (emergency management coordinator) *
- Ron Simmons (supervisor – non-voting)
- vacant – community member at large *
- vacant – small business representative *
- X Sam Huber – large business representative *

X indicates participation in meeting

*denotes voting member

Approval of September Minutes:

Approved

Recognition of Guests:

Andrew Ebersole
Harry Enoch

Public Comments / Questions:

none

Reports from Fire Companies

Bareville:

Total Calls: 159

First Due area calls:

In ULT: 104 supporting ULFC: 48

In WET: 27

Outside first due area calls:

Building plans are going through the review process. Had a training building but the residents tore it down early. Fund drive is in progress. Generators are ready to be installed – waiting on coordinating with PPL.

Federal grant was received for \$22,857.14 for gear washer/dryer system.

Upper Leacock:

Total Calls: 177

First Due area calls: 143

BFC assist: 4

Outside first due area calls: 30

A new squad is being outfitted. Santa run is on the evening of 16 December. Going to do a boot drive at Rt. 23 / 772 on black Friday during the mid-day. Fall pulled-pork BBQ lost \$140. Hose and equipment will be installed tomorrow in the Eurofins parking garage.

Reports from Ambulance Association:

ULT calls: 654 (October 78)

Total calls: 3100 (October 346)

Next EMT class will start shortly. There were 60 applicants, and they can only support 30 for a single class. Trying to get internship opportunities arranged with Penn Medicine. With intermediate training, the need for a medic should be reduced. Unless the individual at an accident scene is having cardiac issues or is unconscious there is no need to upgrade to a medic until NHA arrives and assesses the patient.

NHA will be reaching out to ULT for funding for the replacement rig arriving in mid-2024.

Reports from Emergency Management Coordinator:

Not present

Old Business:

Emergency Operations Center Discussion of Location and Logistics – Bill Howard – not present

Emergency reporting software – Mike King / Randy Smith – State still has not decided on a program.

Automatic Alarm Ordinance – Sam Huber – still under development

Act 172 information – Sam Huber – WET ordinance shared with ESC – discussed options that could be implemented as the WET ordinance seems overly complex. The system that they have proposed is too complex and requires too much administration and paperwork and there are many questions about how the recipients would see the payment. The committee believes the “active” status needs to be left more to the individual organizations. This ordinance also does not include EMS in the program. They don’t feel that the ordinance should define the percentage, but it should be up to the organizations. Without the proper setup, this program can be de-motivational since they get no joined credit for each of the categories. How does the distribution of funds impact IRS reporting requirements?

One idea was to have an ESC banquet and have the township fund that as a reward AND provide a great opportunity to team-build between the organizations. Or alternatively, ULT to provide money to support individual organizational banquets. This seems like a much simpler approach and less administration for everyone. The financial incentive doesn't seem to be a large enough amount to really drive a significant increase in participation. This "reward" can be something other than a tax credit.

Horse Progress Days – Bill Howard – 5-6 July 2024 at 409 South Groffdale Road.

Foam system on Eng 31 – Randy Smith - was submitted as part of the state grant.

New Business:

Reimbursement for 2022 solar plan review – *did the township ever issue this payment. It was requested by both BFC and ULFC and neither is aware it was received.*

Utility services for buildings – *At some point in time there was a question asked to ULT why the water/sewer services for the emergency service entities was not paid by the ULT. We believe the answer was either the complexity in billing or concern it would set a precedence for other 501-C3 organizations. A request is being made again to either have the fee waived OR refunded at the end of each year. The municipality is responsible for providing these services to the residence and none of the other 501-C3 organizations fall under that commonwealth requirement.*

2024 Meetings – 24 January
 27 March
 22 May
 24 July
 25 September
 25 November

Adjournment: 2005

Next Meeting: 24 January 2024 at 1830 hrs

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Howard

Secretary