

Montgomery County Fire Chief's Aid Association

November 15, 2016

MEETING LOCATION

Wissahickon Fire Company—Station 7A
245 Race Street
Ambler, PA 19002

Dinner served at 18:45

Meeting begins at 19:30

President George Wilmot called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Wissahickon Fire Company—station 7A in Ambler, PA.

Following the presentation of the flag, Chief Phil Koller of the host Wissahickon Fire Company, station 7, welcomed all.

Training presentation was provided by ESI Equipment, Inc—Damon Oaten and several colleagues. The presentation covered the variety of products offered by ESI for the fire and emergency services.

John Waters, Chief Fire Marshal of Upper Merion Township, previewed a police information video that he has prepared. The purpose of this film is to inform police of the importance of not making entry into a building without a hose line on site. John plans to distribute this to each municipality for viewing by all police

Minutes No minutes were available from the previous meeting

Membership No applications were received, no votes, no life active presentations

Treasurer Treasurer Gallagher provided his report to the membership. A copy is attached. Highlights include:

Balance/ Checking

Balance/ Savings

Balance/ MDC Checking Acct

Report to be attached

The Treasurer noted the MDC invoices will be sent out shortly.

Ways and Means: \$56.86

A Motion was made and duly seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried

Trustees no report

County Liaison John Corcoran began his report by summarizing the history with the new radios. A problem was noted after they had been distributed to several agencies—about 10% of the radios would shut down unexpectedly, and could not be

re-energized. Consequently, distribution of all new radios was stopped—pending resolution. He then reported on the following topics:

- Radio Status—Problem was identified as a faulty component at Motorola. The County insisted that the units be replaced—not repaired. Replacement has been identified as faster. The new units are now scheduled to be shipped on December 15, 2016. County will then program the 4000, 4500 and 6500 units, then do the 6000 when they are available. Distribution to fire service is now anticipated to be Spring, 2017.
- Radio Warranties—County has negotiated the commencement date for warranties as December 15. County will then cover the gap between December and the actual delivery date.
- MDCs update—All modems/ MDC units must be upgraded by January 1, 2017, because I Mobile (software that currently operates current units) stops operating on January 1. Techsurvey@MontcoPA.org is County contact
- CADD response updates or new info for [CADD—DPScaddupdate@MontcoPA.org](mailto:DPScaddupdate@MontcoPA.org)
- CADD updates and other initiatives—Hearing on Upper Merion tower is now scheduled for December 2016. Also, all other initiatives have been set aside until the programming of new portables is completed.

Montgomery County Training Academy—Marty Joyce, in place of Tom Garrity

Marty reviewed the upcoming training schedule and events at the Fire Academy:

- Re-testing dates for 2017 are available on line (copy attached)
- Vehicle Rescue Program was done by PA. Must now do the test thru DOT rather than the Academy. Must coordinate with Brian Pasqual
- Fire Academy Spring schedule will be available by end of November
- Chief Officers Seminar is scheduled for January 28, 2017—good programs have been arranged
- New Rescue Coordinator will be Rob Carovillano taken position formerly held by Chris Feder

County Haz Mat—Chief John Waters II was not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Chief's Radio—Hadyn Marriott reminded everyone about upgrading MDCs and providing contact info to the County. He also noted anyone that has Active 911 or I Am Responding running in the background on MDCs—it results in much higher usage charges. Delete all but the essentials.

EMS Council—no report

LEPC—Mike Jones recommended upcoming conference in May 2017. Also noted the upcoming County-wide exercise on December 2/3

Tanker Task Force—no report

LDH—Dan Supplee reported that units are ready the SOGs in place.

Regional Task Force—Skip Urban

Chief Urban reported the purchase of a foam capable Terminator II deck gun on a trailer. It will be housed at Station 33

He also reported planning on the future purchase of a 125k cfm mobile ventilation unit (fan. This would be available for the 5 county area. Cost \$135,000 complete.

Foam Task Force

Will be involved in June 11 drill.

The Task Force offered to come to the stations to familiarize all with foam capabilities. Contact Chief Shuler (Ch 54) for regions 1-2-3 and Chief Jones (Ch 100) for regions 4-5-6 if interested

Information Technology—no report

Advisory Committee—Chief Ken Shuler

- 2017 Chief's Seminar—should be a good program

Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial—no report

Standardization Committee

A summary will be distributed to all chiefs. It will not be mandatory, but will be attached to Radio Manual. Key points:

- Number shall be qualified Interior Firefighters (Pro-Board FF-i)
- Include driver if qualified, do not include if not at FF-1 level
- If undermanned—simply “responding or responding Driver Only”--Do not use “undermanned”
- Rescue—only rescue qualified people should be reported

Old and Deferred Business—none

See report under committees for Standardization

New Business

Election of Officers	President	Chief George Wilmot III
	Vice President	Chief Haydn Marriott
	Secretary	Glenn Schaum
	Ass't Secretary	Chief Tom Walters
	Treasurer	Chief Mike Gallagher
	Ass't Treasurer	Al Comly
	Trustee	Jeff Mullally

The Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for each as no other candidates were offered from the floor.

A Motion was made and duly seconded to accept the ballot. The motion carried

Meeting Locations for 2017	January 17, 2017	Skippack Fire Company
	March 2017	Horsham Fire Company
	May 2017	Souderton Fire Company
	July 2017	Montco Fire Academy
	September 2017	Lansdale Fire Company
	November 2017	Llmerick Fire Company

Good and Welfare—Chief Wilmot noted that Glenn Schaum could not attend due to a recent medical issue. He will take care of sending something on behalf of the Association.

Adjournment—21:15 hours

Next Meeting—January 17, 2017 at Skippack Fire Company

Respectfully

Albert M Comly, Jr
Acting as Secretary