

Questionnaire for Fire Police, Voice Radio Project

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The goal of Chester County is to have a new Voice Radio System operational by February, 2016. This System will provide all radio communications to the emergency response personnel of Chester County. The planning of that system is NOW ongoing. The Chester County Fire Police Association is part of that process and would like to have input from its members and Chester County Fire Police. We would like to have input on what the needs of our County Fire Police are, and would like to see them incorporated into the new Radio System.

Please feel free to give written suggestions to John Neff or Joel Gramling within the next two weeks as this process has already started and will be continuing over the next few months. Please respond as this may be our chance to have all the wish list ideas added to the Radio System for the Fire Police.

We already have a few suggestions and would like to add yours to the list:

The Fire Police would have radio zones similar to those of the Fire Fighters. (If the County is split into 4 zones then the Fire Police should have 4 zones.)

The Fire Police should be able to communicate direct with the local Police when they are assisting them, more than a few hundred feet, on repeated channels.

The Fire Police should have a second working channel for each zone:

The Fire Police should have a channel to communicate direct with Incident Command.

The Fire Police should be able to communicate directly to the County Dispatch Center

The Fire Police should have a County-Wide All Call Channel.

The Fire Police should have a Local Direct Channel

The Fire Police would have Channels enabling them to communicate with Fire Fighters and others at an emergency scene and/or search.

The Fire Police portable radios should have vehicle chargers installed in their vehicle, along with mobile radios. (At least for the Officers).