

Large Scale Event SOG – Chester County Fire Police Association Meeting - 11/19/2008

The meeting was held at the West Whiteland Fire Company. In attendance:

Dan Delaney, Jim Metzger, Bob Bruckman	Station 6
Joel Gramling, Pamela & Charlie Lobb, Penny Pierson	Station 47
Patrick Carmody, Ron Miller	Station 38
Jim Skymba, Barbara Comiskey, Lew Hitchcock	Station 5
Bill Best	Stations 51, 52, 53

The group reviewed the Large Scale Event SOG (see attached) and discussed each section, giving suggestions and input as to how the document could be enhanced, as well as providing action items for individuals to provide input for before the next meeting.

Out of the discussion, we found three major areas that required particular attention in order to not only formulate the next revision of the SOG, but also for all Fire Police Operations in general. They are Communications, Education, and Dispatch.

Communications

- examine the use of multiple forms of communications, including 800 MHz trunked and conventional, high band VHF and UHF, Nextel and conventual cell phones
- examine interoperabililty with existing company-level communications systems that are not part of the county radio system

Education

- insure that all fire police officers have completed NIMS training and are familiar with the procedures with respect to Fire Police Operations
- insure that fire police command level officers are familiar with command procedures
- have simulated drills and tabletop sessions to practice NIMS procedures; do this at the company level as well as with mutual aid companies
- get the assistance of the county DES Technical Staff to give demonstrations of communications procedures including the use and programming of 800-MHz mobiles and portables
- insure that all fire police officers are properly trained in communications procedures and etiquette

Dispatch and Planning

- take into consideration daytime and evening/weekend dispatching differences (due to availability of personnel)
- work with the county DES to develop a “second tap” and “response check” procedure for fire police similar to what is currently done for fire and EMS
- inclusion of request for fire police on the fire and police command and dispatch checklists
- encourage the company-level development of preplanning documentation for common accident and incident areas, and the sharing of those plans with mutual aid companies

Included in these minutes is the current zone listing for fire police companies in the county, as well as a sample preplanning document, in use at Station 6 and Station 38.

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Census of Fire Police Companies and Zone Breakdown				
Zones	North	South	East	West
	32	12	2	28
	33	21	3	29
	34	22	4	31
	35	23	5	37
	47	24	6	38
	48	25	39	41
	61	26	51	43
	62	27	52	44
	63	36	53	45
	64		54	46
	65		56	49
	66		68	
	67			
	69			
	72			
	73			
Total Companies	16	9	11	11
Number of Traffic Units	6	5	8	5
Number of Squads	3	0	1	2

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Preplanning Form – Front

WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP FIRE POLICE PRE-PLAN SHEET # _____			
Location			
Incident Type			
Equipment		Mutual Aid	
MAP / D I A G R A M			
Detours Required			
Potential Problems			
Other Information			
WWFP Review/Approval		Date	
WWFC Review/Approval		Date	
WWPD Review/Approval		Date	

