

## November 2007 President's "For The Good" Notes

1. For Large Event Dispatch, need to have:
  1. Where are we to go?
  2. Who are we to report to?
  3. What 800 frequency are we to use?
2. It's the state Law: if you have your wipers on, you must have your headlights on.
3. Ask your fire chief if he would let you have one of the company's work nights to let you teach the fire fighters as to what the fire Police do. Have a dialog with them as to how you all can work together.
4. Our Jan. 6, 2008 meeting will be at Po-Mar-Lin in Unionville. The 2008 meetings will be held there. Any one who wishes to help arrange a picnic, banquet or other function to honor our Fire Police during the year, please contact me? Joel Gramling, h. 610-363-1210, c. 610-476-6109.
5. Please let me know whom you would like to see honored as the Fire Police Officer for 2007. Send in your suggestions to me at [jgramling@verizon.net](mailto:jgramling@verizon.net)
6. At the next meeting, Jan. 6. Please arrive up to an hour earlier than 2 PM. We will take membership renewals, and you will receive your 2008 Chester County card with your completed form and check or cash. We will have 3 or 4 alphabetical lines to speed the process.
7. BEEF AND BEER CHARITY BENEFIT FOR FIRE POLICEMAN JOHN SCIANDRA, NOV. 10, THORNDALE FIRE COMPANY, 8:00-12:00 PM. \$15 per person. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT FOR OUR OWN "\*Little John\*" to help after his heart attack.
8. At the Nov. Fire Chief's meeting, they were given information on surplus equipment available from the state. A contact name was Scott Pepperman, 717-787-6159 Ext. 3205, Web site [www.dgs.state.pa.us](http://www.dgs.state.pa.us). Some equipment might be useful for the fire police.
9. Chester County Emergency Services is forming an All Hazards Technical Assistance Program. It is in the developmental stage. It involves all disciplines of the fire service including fire, EMS, police, fire police, county and township officials, communications and credentialing. More on this later.
10. Make sure you are on the Fire Police Email list. Email Eileen Amatrudo at [giraffa37@comcast.net](mailto:giraffa37@comcast.net)
11. If you are getting new vests, there are new standards for vests. Class 3, level 2 striping I believe is the highest at this time.
12. At the last meeting, our speaker and state instructor Scott Piersol reminded us about the use of flags for daytime traffic

control. Great reminder for our safety and visibility.

13. I will get updated and clarification of the PA State Fire Police Association death benefits insurance for the next meeting. That information will be given to our web site shortly. It may have a bearing on whether you wish to participate or not.