

December 15, 2009

Dear Fellow Member,

Important note: The CCFPA meetings for 2010 will be held at Goodwill Fire Company, Station 52. The address is 552 East Union St., West Chester, PA. Please mark your calendars, meetings are: Jan. 3, Mar. 7, May 2, Sept. 12, Nov. 7.

Thank you East Whiteland Volunteer Association and the East Whiteland Fire Police Association Captain Jim Skymba for hosting the 2009 meetings and to you, the members for attending those meetings. In **Jan.** with the help of Ruthann Scandria and Eileen Amatrudo, the membership registration worked very well where you received your membership card on the spot. We also received a legislative update from State Senator Andy Dinniman. **Mar.** Bob Lee from DES taught us how to use both mobile and portable 800 radios. **May**, the picnic for members and spouses/significant others, recognition of members, Richard Hedrick named Fire Police Officer for 2008, and Tom Jolly, a great speaker describing and playing bagpipes. **Sept.** We had a group discussion about major evacuations from schools and hostage situations. Thank you Richard Hedrick A great table top type program. **Nov.** John Johnston, 1st VP of the PA state Fire Police Association described some of the legislative efforts the state organization is doing for us.

The CCFPA has put in a request to DES for portable message boards and additional traffic trailers to be located around the county. This represents some of the first equipment to be dedicated to the fire police in the county. We have Beau Crowding of DES and Glenn Allison of the County Fire Chief's for substantial efforts to recognize and support the needs of the fire police in the county.

Two important association committees working on our behalf are the Large Event Dispatch (LED)/Task Force Dispatch (TFD) committee headed by FPC Dan Delaney of Sta. 6 and a committee headed by Richard Hedrick, Sta. 62 and Mike Baskin, Sta. 2, looking into effective numbering system for the officers.

Again this year we are pleased to mention that through the efforts of John Neff, our message of the Special Fire Police Officer providing safety for the firefighters, and being an important part of the emergency team continues to pay off at the CC Fire Chief's meetings. We hope you are seeing a positive change in attitude in your company toward the fire police.

Jim Ploumis, our legislative rep., is diligently working with state leaders and has been successful in getting the MUTCD to allow hand signals for fire police and emergency workers at emergency scenes. Upcoming meetings: Jan. Ron Miller on preplanning, Mar. Stan Heist arranged for a speaker describing accident reconstruction, May. the CC DA. Please let me know what speakers and programs you would like to see for the New Year. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, be safe. Bring your other Fire Police to the meetings.

Sincerely, Joel Gramling