

## Notes from EMS Regionalization Exploratory Committee meeting February 7, 2007

Present: Freeholder Helene Reed  
Charlene Vitale – EMS Career Chiefs  
William Holmstrom – Ambulance & Rescue Assoc.  
J. Thomas Butts - Emergency Response  
Chad Bruner – County Administrator  
Michelle Pandolfo – Special Projects

Absent: Gerald White – Boro/Township Administrator's  
Paul Lambrecht - EMS  
Mayor's Assoc.

### Full Group:

- ✓ The group traveled to Washington, DC to meet with the IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters). The IAFF recommends the County gathers the statistical and GIS information and forwards it to them and they'll import it in their program free of charge. The IAFF gave everyone a DVD which Charlene had begun to review and found it to be very informative particularly in discussing the history, mission and standard of care for EMS.
- ✓ The group discussed the Medical Director and pros and cons of whether that individual be an employee or a contractor. Michelle is going to obtain the RFP that Prince George's County is developing. The group will review at a later date.
- ✓ Hiring of an EMS Coordinator was also discussed. It is anticipated that this individual would be a division head under the Department of Emergency Response and work with building the system from the ground floor. Bill provided information on some of the salaries that are paid in and near Gloucester County for similar positions. Bill and Michelle are working on obtaining job descriptions from a number of resources.
- ✓ Hiring of a consultant was considered again at length and it was decided that the County is prepared to proceed without paid consultation services, especially after the information gleaned from the recent field trips to MD and DC.

### Operations Subcommittee:

- ✓ The group decided the next step is to contact the towns and begin seeking commitments. The group discussed attending work sessions and the next quarterly Administrator's meeting. It was decided to write a letter to the towns asking for a few minutes at a work session to discuss the program. Tom Butts will take the lead on the presentation.
- ✓ The group determined that the GIS mapping should begin. Michelle is going to work on connecting our GIS person, Mark Waters, with the IAFF.

### Squad Subcommittee:

- ✓ The Volunteer Association met in the previous week without much comment about the program.
- ✓ The Career EMS Chiefs met the day before. Charlene shared their main question about funding regionalization. The group discussed different options and feel that a broad based tax would be the best approach.

### Municipal Subcommittee

- ✓ Tom Fromm from Swedesboro will be representing the Mayor's Association.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 pm.