

Notes from EMS Regionalization Exploratory Committee meeting October 11, 2006

Present: Freeholder Helene Reed
Paul Lambrecht – VP, Clinical & Support Services, Underwood
Charlene Vitale – EMS Career Chiefs
William Holmstrom – Ambulance & Rescue Assoc.
J. Thomas Butts - Emergency Response
Jack Fisher – County Administrator
Michelle Pandolfo – Special Projects

Absent: Gerald White – Boro/Township Administrator's
Louis Moffa – Mayor's Assoc.

Operations Subcommittee:

- ✓ A meeting has been set up with an EMS consultant for October 30, 2006 @ 5:00 PM.
- ✓ Tom Butts reported that he, Bill Taylor, Len Clark and IT Consultant Bill Hurd went to Drexel University to look at the Dragon Force software. As reported in earlier minutes this software is a GIS/GPS handheld wireless network. Tom stated that it is in the development stage and not ready for deployment. More discussion was held on its merits.
- ✓ Tom Butts introduced the map with squad building locations plotted with an estimated 5 minute response time.
- ✓ It was suggested that the DVRPC be contacted to research any traffic studies. To mainly ask what could we figure average travel time to actually be? Tom Butts will follow up.
- ✓ A representative from the Mayor's Association is needed to serve on the committee. Jack will follow-up with the Mayor's Association.
- ✓ Helene Reed received more inquiries from other Counties on progress of this initiative.
- ✓ The County applied for a SHARE COUNT grant in a total amount of \$300,000. It will be \$100,000 each year for three years. Year one will be fees and services, years two and three to offset staff costs.

Squad Subcommittee:

- ✓ Five additional squad surveys have been received and will be incorporated in the statistically results.
- ✓ At the last Ambulance & Rescue Association meeting Bill Holmstrom presented the power point presentation. A few good questions arose.
 - ✓ If a municipality charges for EMS, the State will not pay for training. Who will pay for training of volunteers? Chad Bruner stated that the County will ensure that volunteers will continue to receive training. The mission of this project is to enhance what is currently in place. Jack Fisher stated the training funds need legislative relief. Helene will discuss this with the legislators.
 - ✓ Is fire service next? Jack Fisher responded that our current focus is EMS. This project was initiated because of feedback we have received from the community. If sometime in the future, the need presents itself, fire service would also be explored.

- ✓ Field trip(s) Prince Georges County and/or New Castle County were discussed for the committee to research regional operations in other counties. The committee agreed that the field trip should be pursued – Len Clark has the contact in Prince Georges and Paul Lambrecht has the contact in New Castle. Michelle Pandolfo will coordinate.

Municipal Subcommittee

- ✓ Jerry White e-mailed committee members the municipal survey results that have been received thus far. Additional details are needed to understand the figures shown on the results.

Key Points discussed

Meeting dates

PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING ON OCTOBER 25TH. The next scheduled meeting will be MONDAY, October 30th @ 5:00 pm for the consultant presentation with a committee meeting to immediately follow.