

# **Regional Emergency Services Task Force**

## ***Meeting Minutes***

11/6/2008

Manor Township Maintenance Building

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Russell Guthrie at 7:00 p.m.

### **II. Roll call**

Chairman Guthrie welcomed the members and guests, and thanked them for attending.

The following task force members were present:

Russell Guthrie – Manor Twp. – Citizen  
Glenn Hess – Highville Fire Co.  
Carl Harnish – Highville Fire Co. – Citizen  
Robert Thompson – Millersville Boro. – Citizen  
Jim Eshleman – Millersville Fire Co.  
Don McCann – Millersville Fire Co. – Citizen  
Ron Goe – Washington Boro Fire Co.  
Scott Haverstick – Washington Boro Fire Co. – Citizen  
Craig Hohman – West Lancaster Fire Co.  
Mark Lauriello – West Lancaster Fire Co. – Citizen  
Gregory G. Noll – Community-at-large – Citizen

Unable to attend:

Jay Breneman – Manor Twp.  
Phil Lastowski – Millersville Boro Council

Others attending:

Rick Kane – Manheim Township  
Dean Gantz – Mountville Fire Co.  
Glenn Deatrick – Highville Fire Co.  
Keith Eshleman – Millersville Fire Co.  
Dick Schock – Washington Boro Fire Co.

### **III. Review and approve 9/4/08 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the 9/4/08 minutes by Ron Goe.

**Second** by Jim Eshleman

**Motion passed.**

**IV. Review and approve 10/2/08 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the 10/2/08 minutes by Jim Eshleman.

**Second** by Craig Hohman.

**Motion passed.** Mark Lauriello abstained because he was not present at the 10/2/008 meeting.

**V. Review Assigned Goals and Objectives**

Russell Guthrie reviewed slides of our goals and objectives, what we have determined so far, and upcoming meetings. December 4<sup>th</sup> will be Mark Burrows from Warrior Run Area Fire Dept. He reminded attendees that the January meeting will be the second Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Haverstick noted a recent article concerning difficulties encountered by East Earl Township in attempting to consolidate fire service. The fire companies of Manheim Township did not merger or consolidate. They created a municipal entity over and above the three fire companies.

**VI. Guest Speaker**

Russell Guthrie introduced guest speaker Rick Kane, the Fire Chief/EMA Director for Manheim Township Fire and Rescue.

Rick Kane gave a presentation explaining Fire Service History in Manheim Twp., the current organization and some information on their evolving strategic planning for the future.

In 1989 a major study was produce by Dr. John Bryan of the University of Maryland. Much of the study was not implemented at that time, but was revisited in 1992 when Dr. Bryan returned for a follow up study. At the time a Fire Council, composed of three chiefs, 3 citizens and three municipal representatives, was formed to provide guidance to the fire companies. A Fire Coordinator position existed from 2001 to 2006. It was an administrative-only position. When that position became vacant in 2006 all three companies felt the position was not effective and petitioned the Township Supervisors to abolish the administrative position and create instead an operational position. Rick's position as Fire Chief was created in 2007 as a result. His position is paid and all the fire companies remain all-volunteer.

Rick's presentation was a detail look at the operation of the fire service in the township and provided some insight into their long range strategic planning for the future. Rick said that the current organization structure has been very successful and well received. The funding of the fire companies is currently provided by fund drive mailings by the three companies and by appropriations from the municipal budget.

**VII. “Wrap Up” Comments Roundtable for the Good of the Order**

Due to time constraints Russell Guthrie suspended wrap up comments for this meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 9:11 p.m. by Chairman Russell Guthrie with assent and acclamation by all.

**IX. Next Meeting**

Time – 7:00 p.m.

Date – December 4, 2008

Place – Manor Township Maintenance Building  
Route 999 and Supervisor Road

Minutes submitted by: Don McCann, Recording Secretary