

Crawford County



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John Fuller, Vernon Central

Robert Horvat, Vernon Township

Fire Commission

c/o Crawford County DPS

632 Pine Street

Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

Fire Commission Members

Joe Lamey, At Large Member

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Joe Smock, Meadville

Justin Sullivan, Townville

John Treacy, Conneaut Lake

Bob Wimer, Greenwood

Jim Brown, Titusville

Crawford County Fire Commission

AGENDA

July 19, 2023, 7:00pm

- I. Commissioner's Welcome
- II. Roll Call of Commission Members
- III. Fire Commission Testifiers and Guest Speakers
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Communications: Chair John Treacy, Jim Pratt, Joe Smock, Kris Simmons, and Greg Beveridge
 - i. 9-1-1 Center Enhancements
 - ii. Public Safety Agency Technology Enhancements and Training
 - b. Government: Chair Maryann Menanno, Rob Horvat, Eric Coston, Don Bovard, and Justin Sullivan
 - i. County Commissioners facilitate meetings with municipalities to address public fire protection issues and encouraging them to meet their legal obligations, including funding, page 5
 - ii. County Commissioners facilitate county-wide Community Risk Reduction Plan to include; Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Response, and Economic Incentives or Impact, page 7 (see attachment)
 - iii. County Commissioners encourage fire departments to participate in shared service agreements, page 8
 - iv. Fire Departments look into opportunities for merger or consolidation, page 9
 - v. County should explore opportunities to expand public water systems, page 11

- vi. County-wide Organization established; council of governments, alliance, authority
 - vii. Identify funding for two paid firefighters in three locations in the county
 - viii. Create a report showing how much municipalities contribute to fire protection
- c. Operations: Chair Ryan Sekerski, Bob McCartney, Eric Coston, and Phil Koon
- i. Defining a Rescue Department; Equipment, Personnel, and Training (see attached)
 - ii. County-wide Standard Fire Operating Guidelines
 - iii. Count-wide Standard Fire Training Guidelines
- d. Stakeholders: Chair Allen Clark, Eric Henry, John Treacy, and Phil Koon
- i. Recruitment; Brochure, Media and Social Media Advertising, target Middle School students and retired residents (see attachment)
 - ii. Public Education; Fireworks, Outside Burning, Lithium Battery Devices, etc.
 - iii. Firefighter Education; Lithium Battery Fires, Solar Panel Emergencies, Safety Stand Down
 - iv. Days/Events to Promote: May 4th Firefighters, September 11th, Fire Prevention week, others
- V. Legislation Updates: SB502 KEARNEY, Allowing Counties to create fire service Auth
- HB1541 HARKINS providing for firefighting personal protective equipment up to \$4,500 for each firefighter; and imposing penalties.
- HB1492 MERSKI providing for firefighter cancer screenings.
- HB1165 STEELE establishing the Active Volunteer First Responder Education Tax Credit Program.
- HB1154 SCOTT providing for volunteer emergency responders employer tax credit.
- SB144 BROOKS providing for firefighter and emergency service training and establishing the Secondary Education Fire Training Pilot Program and the Fire Training Fund
- VI. County Updates:
- a. Crawford and Venango Counties Fire School Committee
 - i. September 9 and 10
 - ii. STAT Class October 7 and 8

b. Crawford County Fireman's Association

i. Last Meeting September 17th at Fallowfield Fire Department

ii. Next Meeting September 18th 7:00pm at Springboro Fire Dept. fish fry dinner

VII. State Updates:

a. Fire Commissioner Tom Cook, Deputy Commissioner JC Tedorski, Fire Academy Administrator Harvey Boyer

VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting

IX. Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 7:00pm at Crawford County DPS

X. Adjournment